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Port Almanac—December 11.

Sun Rises	7 00 A M
Sun Sets	4 46 P M
Day's Length	9 h 46 m
High Water at Southport	12 16 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1 30 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 11.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 42°; 8 p. m., 53°; maximum, 66°; minimum, 41°; mean, 54°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2 88.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 9.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 14.3 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair; warmer; westerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The North Carolina Supreme Court decides that the reapportionment of the assessment rates of members of the National Reserve Fund Life Association of New York is reasonable, just and legal. —Ex Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has arrived at San Francisco. —Speeches in favor of recognizing the independence of Cuba were made in the Senate by Messrs. Cullom, of Illinois, and Call, of Florida. —Manufacturers of white paper have entered into an agreement to deal with concerns only through a general agency, to be established in New York city. —December returns to the Department of Agriculture show considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop, as compared with the last report, especially in North Carolina, Florida and Georgia. —Dr. Maximo Zertucha, formerly Gen. Maceo's physician, has surrendered to the Spanish and confirms the report of the insurgent leader's death; nothing has been learned in Havana of the whereabouts of Maceo's body and nothing further has transpired to confirm the reports of his death; Senor Palma, of the Cuban Junta in New York, is confident that Maceo is alive and well; *La Lucha*, the Government organ in Havana makes a vigorous protest against the aggressive parts of the President's message. —The Committee on Ways and Means has decided to go to work at once to prepare a tariff bill. —The Cuban committee at Dallas, Texas, has received dispatches from Key West, denying the report of the killing of Maceo. —Captain General Weyler has returned to Havana province from the province of Pinar del Rio, where he went to operate against Maceo's forces —New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton was quoted quiet—middling gulf —c, middling 7⅛c; Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 05@3 60, good to choice $3 60@3 90; wheat—spot moderately active and weaker; ungraded red 80@97c; corn—spot dull and firmer; No. 2 29½@29¾c at elevator and 30½c afloat; rosin quiet and steady—strained common to good $1 82½; spirits turpentine quiet at 27½@28c.

Gen. Weyler attributes his failure to subdue the Cuban rebs to "the pernicious activity of the American press." This is a big and a gorgeous peacock feather in the cap of the American press.

It is said that Edison is going to try the effect of the X ray in restoring the sight of Charles Broadway Rouss, of New York, who some time ago offered a million dollars to any one who would do that.

The Ameer of Afghanistan is fond of bicycle riding, but he doesn't believe in working his passage. He has, therefore, had a bike constructed in England on which two other fellows sit and do the peddling while he does the riding.

Col. John R. Fellows who died in New York Monday, was a native of the State of New York, but moved to Arkansas in 1850, where he studied law. When the war broke out he entered the Confederate army, and in 1868 located in New York city.

Senator John Sherman does not view the possibility of an extra session of Congress with equanimity. He says he has never known an extraordinary session of Congress to be called that did not injure the party responsible for it. We expect he is right, for these extraordinary Congresses sometimes cut extraordinary capers.

C. W. Polvogt & Co. offer to-day ten per cent. discount on all cash purchases. It is their Bargain Day. †

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

The New York *World* and some of the other so called Democratic "sound money" organs do not like Mr. Hanna. Mr. H. is not losing any sleep over that, but if these esteemed organs had fought Mr. Hanna half as hard before the election as they have been fighting him since there might be little occasion for their fighting him now.

According to Secretary Morton the free seeds distribution costs this Government about $150,000. That's a pretty steep bill for seeds, but if it wasn't for distributing the seeds what would some Congressmen find to do, and how would their constituents know anything about them?

Since the tollgate war started in Kentucky the smashers have destroyed 300 gates, at which tribute was collected for 1,500 miles of turnpike, valued at $4,000,000. We didn't think there were that many tollgates in the United States. The smashing war goes on.

Within the past ten years the output of kerosene oil has increased in Japan from 1,172,718 gallons to 9,054,458 gallons, as a result of American machinery. A much larger increase is anticipated as new companies are being constantly organized.

The anti-cigarette men in the Alabama and Georgia Legislature who are trying to knock the cigarette out should be careful not to frame their bills so that the inter-State commerce law will knock them out, as it did the anti cigarette law in Iowa.

Mr. Bynum remarks that "the Republican party is lacking in broad statesmanship." If Mr. Bynum had remarked that the Republican party was lacking in any kind of statesmanship he would have come nearer hitting the mark.

Wm. Greer Harrison, a California poet, recently celebrated his sixtieth birthday by walking fifty miles. We do not know much about Mr. Harrison as a builder of rythm, but as a sixty-year old roadster he is not to be sneezed at.

According to the U. S. Mint Director there were coined in the world last year $231,000,000 of gold. The gold organs are bragging about this. But what would that amount to in the world's volume of money?

It is the opinion of some of the leading Republicans of Ohio that Senator Sherman will be a candidate for re election, notwithstanding the fact that Hon. Mark Hanna is blinking at his seat.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JNO J FOWLER—Fire insurance.
OPERA HOUSE—"A Pious Fraud."
C. W. YATES & CO—Holiday goods.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— W. E Thigpen, of Chadbourn, was here yesterday.

— Mr. S. F. Craig, of Southport, came up to the city yesterday.

— Messrs. J. J. Browne and G. T. Hunt, of Raleigh, N. C., are in the city.

— Mr. W. H. J. Lucas, of White Hall, Bladen county, was an arrival yesterday.

— Mr. W. N. Butters and wife of Hub, were among the hotel registrations yesterday,

— Mr. Adam G. Latta, of New York city, was here Wednesday on his way to Savannah, Ga.

— Miss Sallie J. Davis, of Marion, S. C., who has been in the city visiting relatives, has returned home.

— Mrs. W. C. Norman, of Raleigh, is in the city, visiting the family of Mr. T. C. Craft, at No. 910 North Seventh street.

— Mr. Sam Penn, representing Eckstein & Co., cigar manufacturers, Charlotte, N. C., was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Ten per cent. discount to-day at C. W. Polvogt & Co's. Bargain Day. †

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LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— For other locals see fourth page.

— The schooner *Nellie Floyd* put into Southport yesterday for supplies.

— Ex-Mayor John J. Fowler announces that he has opened a fire insurance agency at 919 Princess street.

— Information has been received here that the Acme Fertilizer Company located at Cronly, N. C., is making extensive preparations for the coming season.

— Nancy Keith, colored, who was arrested last Monday, charged with larceny of wearing apparel, etc., from Mrs. Catherine McKoy, was committed to jail yesterday to await the action of the Criminal Court.

— To enable the people of Newbern and vicinity to witness the Kirmess, the W., N. & N. Railway will run a special train on Wednesday, the 16th inst., leaving Newbern at 8 p. m. and returning immediately after the performance. The fare for the round trip will be only $1 00.

— The STAR learns that it was mistaken in estimating the amount received by Mr. Elijah Hewlett from the Sheriff's office. Instead of $1,900 to $1 500, he gets one half the net receipts, or something like $2 500 per year. This is comfortable enough for Uncle Lije. But he is worth what he gets, and the Republican managers understand this thoroughly.

Princess Street Improvement.

The paving of Princess street between Front and Water streets with Belgian blocks, was completed yesterday and the street will now be open for travel. An appropriation of $3,500 was made by the city for this work, and last July the contract for furnishing the blocks was awarded to Mr. Edgar Parmele. About a month ago the work was commenced and Mr. M. F. Costin, the contractor, under whose supervision the paving was done and a force of hands have been steadily at work, with the exception of a week of bad weather. The paving has been done with neatness and dispatch, and this part of the street now presents a city like appearance.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Convention.

The twenty-first annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet at Winston-Salem, February 19-23. Messrs. W. C. Dowd, Chas. W. Tillett, J. M. Rogers and Geo. B. Hanna were appointed a committee to arrange a programme which will be one of the strongest ever presented. Delegates from all the Young Men's Christian Associations in North Carolina and all Christian workers will be welcome. All persons interested should correspond with Mr. F. P. Turner, State Secretary, Charlotte, N. C.

The United States Senatorship.

The *Caucasian* of yesterday has a long editorial commendatory of Capt. R. B. Davis, of this city. Read between the lines it appears to be a reminder that Capt. Davis would not be a bad man for the Populists to support for United States Senator. Such an outcome would not surprise the STAR, though Dockery's chances for Populist support seem to be good if he can control a few Republican votes. Capt. Davis, it will be recalled, was the Populist elector-at-large on the Bryan ticket and made a canvass that attracted much attention.

Reduced Rates on the S. A. L.

The Seaboard Air Line authorizes the usual rate of four cents per mile for the round trip within three hundred miles, for the holidays. This gives the following rates from Wilmington:

To Portsmouth, $0.70; to Raleigh, $5.80; to Charlotte, $7 50. Tickets on sale December 23d to 25th inclusive, and December 30th to Janury 1st; final limit, January 4th. Tickets will be sold pupils, upon presentation of certificates from principals of schools, on and after December 16th.

Are You Out of Work?

The STAR will help you get a position absolutely free of all cost, or if you want some one to work for you the STAR will charge you nothing for the advertisement. This offer is made to help those out of employment, and does not apply to "boarders wanted," "houses for rent," or any class of commercial advertising. The name of the advertiser must positively accompany every advertisement. Your name will not be published, however, unless you desire it. See announcement in another column for full particulars.

Burglary and Larceny.

The case against William Bell, colored, arrested Wednesday night by deputy sheriff Flynn and police officer Huggins, was to have come up before Justice Bunting yesterday afternoon, but was postponed until 10 a. m. Saturday. The defendant (Bell) now stands charged with both burglary and larceny. It is alleged that he broke into the store of Mr. C. H. Kuhl, corner of Sixth and Nixon streets, last September, and he is also charged with stealing a wood-saw from Joshua Wilson.

It Will Be Judge O. H. Allen.

Mr. O. H. Allen, a prominent young lawyer of Eastern North Carolina, now residing at Kinston, has been appointed to the unexpired term of Judge E. T. Boykin, of the Sixth Judicial District, whose resignation, as announced in the STAR yesterday, has been tendered to take effect January 1st. A telegram received here yesterday stated that Governor Carr made the appointment Wednesday night.

Ten per cent. saved to day at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s on cash purchases. It is their Bargain Day. †

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Of the M. E. Church South—Sixth Annual Session—First Day's Proceedings.

[*Kinston Free Press.*]

The sixtieth annual session of the North Carolina M. E. Conference convened in the Methodist church of Kinston Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop A. W. Wilson in the chair. After a communion service, the secretary of the last Conference called the roll. The roll call showed a larger attendance than usual. W. L. Cunninggim was elected secretary.

A report of the agents of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A report of the Sunday school editor was read. The report showed that less than one-third of our teachers take the magazine. It was referred to the Sunday School Board.

The report of the Board of Missions was read, which showed that the collections had greatly fallen off during the year. This report was referred to the Board of Missions.

The secretary of the Epworth League sent a report to this Conference, which was read. It urged the people to attend the International League Convention, which meets in Toronto, Canada, next Spring. The *Epworth Era* has a little over 7,000 subscribers. This report was referred to the Epworth League Board.

A report of Rev. T. J. Gattis, the Conference colporteur, was read, which showed that he had sold in this Conference a little over $7,000 worth of religious literature. This report was referred to the Board of Colportage.

The 20th question was called—calling the names of the superannuaries and superannuates. The following were called and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: A. W. Avent, J. C. Crisp, C. R. Taylor, R. W. Townsend, J. E. Wyche, M. C. Thomas, N. A. Hooker, J. B. Martin, T. B. Reeks, T. P. Ricaud and J. C. McCall.

R. B. John presented the name of Dr. S. Pool for superannuation, which was referred to the committee.

N. A. Hooker joined the Conference in 1840, and is now 80 years old. He is still active and preaches occasionally. He was married fifty-one years ago by T. Page Ricaud.

It is hard to give up the active work of the itinerancy, but Rev. T. Page Ricaud retired very gracefully when he had served for fifty years.

PRESIDING ELDERS PASSED.

The names of the presiding elders were called.

E. A. Yates, of Raleigh district, stated that his district had met with greater success than he expected during a season of financial depression.

J. A. Cuenlinggim, Durham district, said his district has had a good year.

W. H. Moore, Fayetteville district, said it had been a year of incessant toil and a hard year financially. There were good spiritual results in his district. He said Bro. Oglesby had touched every point in his district except one.

J. T. Gibbs, Rockingham district, said it had been a good year. He hoped to surpass last year in the financial report.

W. S Rone, Wilmington district, said it has been the best year of the four—extensive revivals, dedicated a number of churches, two or more parsonages. The district is in good condition. The debt of Fifth Street church, Wilmington, has been reduced. He thought this church was now safe if there are no mistakes made in the appointments.

F. D. Swindell, Newbern district, said that during four years he had travelled 21,000 miles and preached about 1,000 times, besides missionary addresses. There had been 600 or 700 conversions in the district. Dr. Sanford has had fine success in revival work.

B. R. Hall, Washington district, said his district has had a reasonably good year, but some disadvantages. There had been an increase in collections, and in the spirituality of the church.

W. S. Black, Warrenton district, said it had been a pleasant year. Preachers in good health, except Bro. Troy. The preachers have labored faithfully, and with success. The district has suffered much materially. Built on parsonage at Scotland Neck and repaired several churches. Had precious revivals in some churches.

R. B. John, Elizabeth City district, said the health of the preachers had been good, except Dr. Pool. Had extensive revivals, 400 members added, three new churches built, three parsonages erected and one repaired almost the same as new, and one relieved of debt.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ORGAN COMMITTEE.

The report of the Special Committee to provide for a Conference organ was read by Dr. John and referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals. The report said the committee met a committee appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference to confer with this committee. A proposition was submitted to them to join them in the purchase of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. The Western committee declined to accept. The Western committee declined to join in any proposition to have an organ owned jointly by the two Conferences. The committee submitted a plan as follows for an organ for the North Carolina Conference: Name, "Methodist Herald;" to be a paper of eight pages, about 16½x19½ inches each; to be published in Raleigh, unless it be found to be more advantageous elsewhere; subscription price to be $1.50 a year; that Rev. T. N. Ivey be elected as editor and business manager for a term of two years, to be paid a salary of $1 500 from the income of the paper; that this Conference elect three preachers and three laymen, to be known as a board of publication; this board to have general supervision of the paper, and shall elect the editor at the end of each term of two years.

Rev. L. W. Crawford was introduced to the conference. He is one of the editors and owners of the *Christian Advocate*. He made a nice talk, explaining his connection with the paper. His friends thought his connection with the paper was a guarantee that the North Carolina conference would be treated fairly. He was here in the cause of peace and unity; that he was as clearly allied to this as to the Western conference. The Western conference was never more united in the support of the *Advocate*. He said he and Bro. Grissom had offered to sell at the price they paid for the paper. His remarks seemed to be well received.

Announcements were made and the conference adjourned.

Bishop Wilson dispatches business rapidly, and seemingly without any especial effort. We heard many say it was the biggest day's work they ever saw done the first day of conference.

Bargain Day to-day at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s, who will give ten per cent. discount on cash sales. †

Spend your cash to-day with C. W. Polvot & Co., who offer you ten per cent. discount on all cash purchases. †

A MIDNIGHT BELL.

A Fine Performance Last Night to a Large Audience at the Opera House.

There were but few vacant seats at the Opera House last night. Digby Bell, the well known comic opera star, and a fine support, presented Hoyt's comedy, "A Midnight Bell." The play deals with New England life, pure and simple, with a vein of wholesome natural wit all the way through.

Mr. Bell played the character of *Deacon Lemuel Tidd*, a kind of *Pooh Bah* of the village. As the Deacon, he had ample opportunity of displaying his ability, which he fully realized. His dry humor and many catchy ways kept the audience convulsed. Laura Joyce Bell as *Miss Lizzie Grout*, a maiden of many years, proved an able second to Mr. Bell and shared the honors of the evening. The rest of the roles were all played by artists of ability.

The next attraction will be the two stars, Mr. Stuart Robson and Mme. Janauschek, in "Mrs. Pordarbury's Past," Friday night, December 18.

The County Commissioners.

Chairman Foster informs the STAR that he is now having prepared a tabulated statement which will be given to the public through the daily papers in a few days, showing the following:

A list of every piece of property owned by the county and the cost of the same.

Amount of taxes collected and amount expended upon each special act for special purposes, showing balance unexpended: 1st, special levy for Wilmington Light Infantry; 2d, special levy to maintain the Criminal Court for 1893 to 1896, 3d, special levy for public roads; 4th, special levy to maintain the City Hospital.

Same report to show the cost per capita per day for maintaining same.

Chairman Foster intends after this is given to the public to call upon the President of the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a committee that the County Commissioners may confer with, in preparing a bill to be sent to the Legislature that will secure needed legislation setting forth what duties and in what manner the County Commissioners may, can and shall, perform the duties devolved upon them, solely for the purpose of economizing and lessening the burden of heavy taxation.

Advertising Pays.

A STAR reporter asked a merchant yesterday how business was. Knowing that there were a great many others who carried the same line of goods and that the competition sometimes reduced profits very materially, the reporter expected to hear expressions of complaint and discouragement, and he was agreeably surprised by the reply that business was about all one could wish. There was no ground for surprise, however, when he reflected that the merchant in question was a regular advertiser in the STAR.

Advertising is really a species of industry, proof of which is found in the fact that the most industrious business men almost invariably make freest use of the advertising columns in their local paper. Find a merchant whose windows are always bright and handsomely dressed, and whose goods are displayed in novel and attractive ways, and you will find one who does not fail to advertise. He who advertises regularly and judiciously "sows with one hand and gathers with two."

The Wanderers' Reunion.

North Carolina is geographically situated between Virginia and South Carolina, and Southern Pines is one of the most accessible points in North Carolina, and so at Southern Pines is to be held the "Reunion of the Wanderers" from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, the date being December 23d and 23d.

The idea is a good one. There are already special ties between the three States interested, and whatever serves to strengthen those ties the STAR notes with pleasure.

The S. A. L. offers a special rate of one cent per mile travelled. Special information may be had from Mr. Jno. T. Patrick, Southern Pines, N. C., to whom and to Mr. Thos. D. Meares, General Agent of the S. A. L., the STAR makes grateful acknowledgment of an invitation to attend the reunion.

At the Opera House To-night.

Everybody who attends to-night's performance, "A Pious Fraud," at the Opera House, will blend charity with pleasure. The play is a three-act comedy, of the laughter-"to-beat-the-band" order. The situation, climaxes and characters are all ludicrous. The entertainment, which is under the auspices of the King's Daughters, is given for the benefit of the Shelter of the Silver Cross, a charity which our generous community has always helped.

The advance sale of seats, which commenced Wednesday at Gerken's, is already a large one, but there are a few left, at 50c. The general admission will be twenty-five cents. Remember it is a good show for a good cause.

Cart and Car Collision.

A collision between a country cart and a street car took place yesterday on Front street near Dock. The cart was demolished but the mule attached to the cart and the driver were unhurt. Osceola Hardison, colored, was driving the cart along the track of the street car company. Motorman L. Bishop, in charge of a car following the cart, slowed down to enable the driver to clear the track, and as soon as this was done, started ahead; but the stubborn mule backed the cart on the track and it was smashed to pieces by the car. The driver was covered up in the debris, but came out uninjured and the mule was unhurt. About three gallons of oysters in the cart were scattered over the street.

Save ten per cent. on your Christmas presents by purchasing them at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day. It is their Bargain Day. †

THE MORNING STAR.

Are you a subscriber to THE MORNING STAR? If not, why not?

Do you want a first-class daily paper at $5.00 per year, or $1.25 for three months? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do you want a paper that prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

Decorated Show Windows.

There is a holiday air and a kind of exhilarating influence around Polvogt's store these days. And it is due largely to the elegant and unique display in his show window. Toys, games, perfumery and cut glassware are only a few of the articles which may be noticed, while a background of handkerchiefs of all grades and prices adds its share to the pleasing general effect.

The display window of Johnson & Fore also gives evidence of marked taste and skill in arrangement. The articles on display are simply exquisite, and will please the most fastidious.

The Kirmess.

The beautiful Carnival of Dances will open Monday night, December 14th. Never before has a North Carolina audience had the privilege of witnessing so dazzling and brilliant an entertainment. No one should miss the opportunity of seeing this gorgeous spectacular carnival. In order to meet the demands of all, the prices of tickets are put at 50 cents, 75 cents and $1.00. Fifty cents secures not only an admission ticket, but a reserved seat also. Come one, come all! The box sheet is now open at Yates' book-store.

Popular Vote for President.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* gives the following as the official popular vote for President: McKinley, 7,123,334; Bryan, 6,499,865; Palmer, 135,087; Levering, 125,485; Matchett, 16,016; Bentley, 9,665. McKinley's plurality, 623,837. There are some explanatory notes appended to the *Ledger's* table, however, indicating that there may be slight changes, though that paper says its figures are taken from "the returns made to the official canvassing boards of the respective States."

City and County Expenses.

Mr. F. W. Foster, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, as an amendment to the exhibit furnished by him and published yesterday in the STAR, requests the publication of the following: The total expenses of the City of Wilmington for the past twenty years are $3,701,701.11, less bonds for refunding and other purposes aggregating $612,749.95. Total, $3,089,041.16. For the county, for the same time, $1,077,369.85. Total expenses, for city and county, for twenty years, $4,159,411.01.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 30 cents. tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Fire Insurance.

HAVING PROCURED THE AGENCY FOR The SUN FIRE INSURANCE CO. of London, I am prepared to issue Policies upon Real and Personal Property.
A part of the public patronage solicited.
JOHN J. FOWLER, Agent,
dec 11 1t 919 Princess street.

CABBAGE PLANTS.

500,000 Cabbage Plants
FROM PETER HENDERSON'S AND GEO. TATE & SONS' SEEDS, for sale by
N. B. DAWSON,
nov 23 1m Conetoe, N. C.

Holiday Goods!

We are Headquarters this season for
Holiday Goods,
and a cordial invitation is extended to every lady to call and see our stock of pretty things, consisting of
Fine Pictures,
Engravings, Etchings, colored and plain Photographs, Water Colors and Pastelles, all in handsome frames. Easels, Screens, Cabinets, Book Shelves, Music Racks, Leather Goods, Japanese Goods, Wood Baskets, Celluloid Novelties, Handsome Gilt Ornaments, Picture Frames, Gold Pens, Fancy Inkstands, Toilet Articles, Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals, in sets; Purses, Card Cases, Smokers' Sets,
Beautiful Calendars and Christmas Cards.
Handsome Gift Books, Standard Works, all the latest Novels in fine bindings, Work Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Fancy Clocks, Photograph Albums, Writing Desks, Scrap Books, Whist Sets, Children's Books in endless variety, Games, Blocks, Balls, Iron Toys, &c., &c.
The above is only a partial list of the many articles we have on exhibition, and all at prices to suit your purse. Come now and make your selections and avoid the rush.
Parties desiring Pictures Framed before Christmas must bring them down at once.
C. W. Yates & Co.
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A. D. BROWN'S Christmas Offerings
—AT—
No. 29 North Front St.

Bric-a-Brac.
Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1.00 and 2.00.
Pin Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand-painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 35c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
Oat Meal Sets 75c, variety of colors. Cracker Jars 75c and $1.75.
Salad Bowls, fancy shades, 50c each. Bread and Butter Plates 20c each.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens, $3.75 set.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens 75, 50, 35c and $1.00.
Wedgewood in Tea Pots at $2 50; Cream Pitchers at $1.00 and $1 50.
Cut Glass Vinegar Bottles at $1.75. Venetian Vases 35 and 90c.
Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.
RUGS FROM THE ORIENT AND DOMESTIC RUGS FOR XMAS GIFTS. "Nothing certainly is as well adapted as it combines beauty with usefulness;" "a combination not at all times obtainable."
20th Century Toilet Hints.
Delicate Balms, Creamy Unguents, Stimulating Lotions and Soothing Powders that could not harm the skin of a babe, find place within the sanctum of the woman who but a few years ago was practically ignorant of toilet arts.
We are sole Agents for HUDNUT'S TOILET REQUSITES.
Dress Goods, Notions, Handkerchiefs, Carpets, Laces and Gloves.
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THE ORCHESTRAL REHEARSALS FOR the Kirmess are arranged according to the following schedule. The dancers will please note the time and a full attendance is requested in the City Hall:
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BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIrectors of the "East Carolina Financial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Financial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perry to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due on unpaid assessments on said stock, and assessments becoming liens duly and regularly levied for same by the said board and payment thereof having been duly demanded by Thomas Perry, the owner of said stock.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 11, 1896

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

To his credit it must be said that President Cleveland in both his first and second terms of office has shown a commendable spirit in stemming and correcting pension abuses, and has endeavored to make the pension roll a "roll of honor," as he puts it. But without any fault of his he has met with very poor success, for the pension roll is now larger than it ever was, numbering 970,678 names, with several thousand still pending and waiting the action of the Pension Bureau. When these are disposed of, as they will be shortly after the new administration comes in if not before, the list will not be far from a round million names.

Mr. Cleveland showed the nerve during his first administration to set his face resolutely against the indiscriminate granting of pensions and brought down upon himself the unmeasured denunciation of the Republican organs and politicians (which and who posed as the special friends and guardians of the soldiers) by vetoing bunches of private pension bills which had been hurried through Congress in job lots. The organs and politicians made the most of this in the campaign which followed and the Democratic party lost thousands of votes by Mr. Cleveland's honest endeavor to correct abuses and prevent the squandering of the people's money.

During the present administration there was also an effort made to correct abuses, and Secretary Hoke Smith had the flood gates of misrepresentation and abuse opened on him because a few thousand names were temporarily stricken from the roll until it could be shown that they had a right to be there. The politicians in Congress got so worked up over this and over the howl that the Republican organs were making that they required the reinstatement of most of these names, and the effort to inaugurate substantial reform proved abortive. All that was practically gained was that the abuses were not increased and the burden the people had to bear was not increased, if not materially diminished.

In his message to Congress the President makes the following reference to what he has aimed at, and to the possible effect of continued and flagrant abuses:

"I have endeavored in my sphere of official duty to protect our pension roll and make it what it should be, a roll of honor, containing the names of those disabled in their country's service and worthy of their country's affectionate remembrance. When I have seen those who pose as the soldier's friends, active and alert in urging greater laxity and more reckless pension expenditure, while nursing selfish schemes, I have deprecated the approach of a situation when necessary retrenchment and enforced economy may lead to an attack upon pension abuses so determined as to overlook the discrimination due to those who, worthy of a nation's care, ought to live and die under the protection of a nation's gratitude."

We do not question the sincerity of what is said about a "nation's care" and a "nation's gratitude," but nine-tenths of the stuff uttered about the nation's gratitude is the merest hypocrisy and rot. It isn't the nation's gratitude at all that ran the pensions from a few millions to over $138,000,000 and a short roll of names up to nearly a million. It was not the nation's gratitude that did it, but pension attorneys (with sharers of the spoils in Congress) and the politicians who posed as the friends of the soldiers, because the soldiers and their friends had votes and votes were good things to have in elections. Pensions were a part of the stock in trade of the average Republican politician, who worked them for all they were worth and made the people foot the bill.

The first calls for troops were responded to by volunteers, for the idea at first prevailed that it would be a sort of picnic South at the expense of the Government, but after a few bouts with the Confederates the picnic delusion was dispelled and there was little more rushing to arms, or voluntary "volunteering," if we may use such an expression. Nine men out of ten who volunteered did so because they thought it would be a question between being drafted and volunteering, unless the States could furnish their quotas by importing soldiers from abroad or by recruiting in the South in the territory controlled by the Federal armies, as some of the New England States did. The armies of the West were composed very largely of foreigners, induced to enlist either by the fear of drafts or by the big bounties offered, and thousands went as substitutes for those who had the money to hire them and had no hankering for military amusements.

As a matter of fact there is not one of these pensioners in ten to whom any gratitude is due and the men who framed and passed these monstrous pension bills knew it when they legislated away nearly $2,000,000,000 of the people's money. Gratitude didn't figure in it. It was simply politics and plunder under the hypocritical guise of gratitude.

But there is a reason why there has been so little protest by Northern States against these extravagant pension expenditures. The bulk of the money expended is distributed in the North, in what was called the "loyal" States, and comparatively little in the South although the South bears her proportionate part of the whole. The following table, as furnished by the report of the Secretary of the Interior, shows (omitting the cents) how the pension money last year was distributed:

	Number.	Amount.
Alabama,	8,925	$475 882
Alaska,	28	2 997
Arizona,	559	84,984
Arkansas,	10,014	1,339,167
California,	15,308	2,160 175
Colorado,	6 247	898 257
Connecticut,	11,887	1,888,471
Delaware,	2 709	432 391
District of Columbia,	8 286	1,897,609
Florida,	3,145	330 598
Georgia,	3,854	483 737
Idaho,	1,070	148 425
Indian Territory,	3,488	333,957
Iowa,	37,798	5,408 976
Kansas,	43 488	6,831,889
Kentucky,	28 457	4,147 193
Louisiana,	4,481	663,789
Maine,	20,717	3,083 760
Maryland,	12,683	1,757,841
Massachusetts,	38,840	5,480,614
Michigan,	45 885	6,987,745
Michigan,	16 194	2,361,078
Mississippi,	3,796	507,238
Missouri,	53 612	7,279 820
Montana,	1 213	165,879
Nebraska,	16 625	2,499 507
Nevada,	278	35,454
New Hampshire,	9,169	1,268 799
New Jersey,	20,017	2,445 465
New Mexico,	1 200	175 298
North Carolina,	3 954	519 809
North Dakota,	1 677	287 339
Oklahoma,	4 959	713 891
Oregon,	4 577	639 959
Rhode Island,	4 402	498 178
South Carolina,	2 669	208,318
South Dakota,	4 702	614 815
Tennessee,	17 918	2,572 899
Texas,	7,868	1,000 045
Utah,	765	106,922
Vermont,	9 784	1,531 651
Virginia,	8 189	1,268 609
Washington,	4 968	676 416
West Virginia,	12 982	2 079 066
Wisconsin,	27,755	4,048 706
Wyoming,	666	95 485

To be added to these are 3,781 pensioners residing in a dozen or so foreign countries.

Out of the $138,214,761 expended last year, $6,795,393 came into the South, leaving over $130,000,000 to be distributed among the other States, of which the South paid her full proportion and got nothing back; in other words, she paid out $46,000,000, or over two dollars *per capita* for her population and got back less than $7,000,000. Most of this goes to negroes who were in the Federal armies and to Northern soldiers who have settled in the South since the war. This is one of the reasons why there is not a kick against excessive pensions on the other side of the line. From a money standpoint it is a good thing for them, because it puts money into circulation. Money that is taken out one way goes back in another with a considerable increase squeezed out of the South. For this reason and for the politics in pensions we need not look for any material reduction in pension expenditures any time in the near future.

MINOR MENTION.

Chairman Hal Ayer, of the Populist State Committee, has been expressing his views on the Senatorial question in this State, and is quoted as saying that if the incoming Legislature pays proper respect to the expression of the popular will, as he thinks it will, a silver Republican will be elected Senator. This doesn't settle anything, but it shows how the cat is jumping in Populist quarters. Heretofore Mr. Ayer has declared that only a free silver man should be chosen, which left the race open to Populists or to some Democrat on whom the Populists and Democrats could unite, but both Chairman Ayer and Senator Butler took occasion to announce that no Democrat need apply. Now Mr. Ayer intimates that the programme, as far as he is concerned, is to knock out the Populist caucus which was talked about, form a combine and elect some silver Republican. This puts Guthrie on the shelf, with Hal's knife between his ribs and brings Dockery and Mott to the front, for they are both Republicans and, with the exception of the silver streak, "dyed in the wool." We have thought all along that there was a compact between Mott and Butler, which may have been somewhat complicated by a subsequent compact with Dockery, who was undoubtedly led to expect Populist support for the Senatorship as a condition of running on the ticket with Guthrie. It is a question now which of these two, or whether either of them, can command Republican votes enough to elect them. In such a contest it would be six one way and half a dozen the other as far as the Democrats are concerned. But when that contest begins the probabilities are that Hon Mark Hanna and that Washington "Steering Committee" will take a hand in it, for no free silver Republican will be chosen if they can find a way to prevent it, and their resources are not to be underrated.

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The Senatorial "Steering Committee," which held council with Mark Hanna Wednesday, seems to be concerned about the Senatorial outlook in North Carolina, Kentucky, South Dakota and Washington, and they came to the conclusion that "every honorable method should be employed" to secure the election of Republican Senators in those States. Every one who knows anything about Republican methods knows precisely what this means. It is all important that the Republicans secure those Senators if they expect to carry out any of the tariff or other legislation which they contemplate. With them in elections "the end justifies the means," and any "method" that accomplishes the purpose will be honorable in their estimation. Some years ago when they wanted Senators they took in a Western Territory or two and thus managed to hold control of the Senate. They have lost some of the Senators from these improvised States, and they must make good the loss by securing Senators elsewhere. If there be virtue in money, (and our elections have demonstrated that there is) or in patronage, or in promises, or in combination they will get there, and will not stand upon ceremony as to the methods employed.

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It is stated that Auditor Furman's forthcoming report will show that there has been within the past year a depreciation of $10,000,000 in the valuation of real estate and personal property in this State, a decline from $257,000,000 to $247,000,000. During the past two years there has been a decrease of about $13,000,000. The only reason given is the decline in values. If North Carolina was one of the boom States where, under the impulse of booms, values had run extraordinarily high, there would be nothing surprising in such decline, but it is not a boom State, and in addition to this valuation for both real estate and personal property have been very low, low enough to indicate a condition bordering upon poverty. In such case the decline in values to such an amount means a good deal, and furnishes a striking illustration of the scarcity of money, which has made money dear and property cheap. North Carolina, however, is not an exception, for decline in values is the order of the day, except in the cities, which have not felt the effect of the money scarcity as the rural districts have.

BOOK NOTICES.

The American Magazine of Civics for November contains many articles that will be read with interest by those who study political and economic subjects. They are from the pens of writers of recognized standing. Published by the Civics Publishing Company, 38 Park Row, New York.

The Review of Reviews for December presents a varied list of contents, appropriately illustrated, containing many articles in addition to "The Progress of the World," which is always interesting and instructive. Several of these articles are on educational topics. Address. The Review of Reviews 13 Astor Place, New York.

The December number of the *Century Magazine* contains a number of articles appropriate to the season, in addition to others. It presents an interesting sketch of Robert Fulton, Campaigning with Grant, and much more entertaining reading, all handsomely illustrated. Published by The Century Company, Union Square, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Hanna is undoubtedly an extra sessionist, and the fellows who care to steer correctly should keep their eyes open.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— "Fighting Bob" Evans, of the Indiana, against his protest, has been detached from that ship. It was he who, when there was so much talk of hostilities with Spain, some time ago, said: "If they will send us with the Indiana to Cuba, there will not be anything except Spanish spoken in h—— for six months."—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Republicans continue to insist that protective taxes are taxes on luxuries, while internal taxes are taxes on necessities. This is rank nonsense. A tax on woollens is a tax on a necessity, an internal tax on pianos would be a tax on a luxury. Indeed our only internal tax that can be called a tax on a necessity is the tax on oleomargarine, which yields only a small percentage of the revenue. The taxes on spirits are all taxes on luxuries; and this is especially true of the tax on wine.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— The New York *World* says: "When the coal trust can ship coal to Hamburg for 50 cents a ton less than its price in New York, what does Vice President Hobart think of the expediency of enforcing the laws of the United States?" We suppose that Mr. Hobart will first refer the *World* to W. H. Vanderbilt's alleged opinion of the public, and then laugh heartily to think that the editor of the *World* helped raise "Me, Mark Hanna and McKinley" to the highest places in the Government.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "I'm a plain, blunt man, Margaret, and can frame no honeyed speeches. Will you marry me?"
"I'm a little on the plain, blunt order myself. No!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "Papa," said Tommy, "do you think Santa Claus would be offended if I put a note into the chimney and told him in which toy store they kept the best fire engines?"—*Harper's Bazar.*

— Counsel—"Well, after the witness gave you a blow, what happened?"
Prisoner—"He gave me a third one."
Counsel—"You mean a second one."
"Prisoner—No, sir; I landed him the second one."—*London Fun.*

— "That couple in the next flat seem to be fond of each other."
"Yes; he lets her try to shave him."—*Chicago Record.*

— "I hear Smith has quit sowing his wild oats."
"Yes?"
"Yes. His attention was called to the strong arguments in favor of rotation of crops."—*Detroit Tribune.*

— Parrott—Our friend, Dr. Lotion, is becoming quite a fashionable physician.
Wiggins—Yes, indeed; where a couple of guineas' worth of medicine used to cure a case, now he prescribes a trip to the Riviera.—*Tit Bits.*

— She—"There is one thing about politics I could never understand."
He—"What is that?"
She—"Why is it that in making up a ticket they always use a slate? Wouldn't a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil be more convenient?"—*Brooklyn Life.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* Mrs. McLeod, wife of Mr. W. J. McLeod, a prominent merchant at Red Springs, died at her home in that place Tuesday night.

— Lenoir *Topic:* A negro by the name of Pat. Mitchell attempted an assault upon the six year old daughter of Mr. John Eggars, who lives in Watauga county near Zionville, week before last and escaped. Last week he was captured at Johnson City, as we learn from the *Democrat*, and lodged in Watauga jail. He confesses the crime.

— Greenville *Reflector:* A peculiar water fowl was brought to town last Monday and left at the store of S. M. Schultz. It was about the color of a duck, though larger in size; had very large web feet and a long sharp bill. It was captured in a field a few miles north of town, where it had fallen in the snow. We have not seen anyone who can tell what it is.

— Raleigh *Visitor:* A genuine wild hog that has been a source of annoyance to many of Wake's farmers was killed last week on Mr. Chas. Hinton's farm. The hog has for two years past played havoc with cornfields and the farmers of that section have spent much time in chasing him. The animal was tracked during the snow by at least a dozen farmers who composed the party. It required seven shots to kill the hog, who fought his assailants ferociously. It weighed 260 pounds and had tusks two and a half inches long.

— Clinton *Democrat:* Mr. James Wiley's boys were in the woods hunting near Warsaw during the snow when a large bird, exhausted by long flight, fell to the ground near them. They captured it alive, it being unable to rise again. They could not determine what family it belonged to, as nothing of its kind had ever been seen hereabouts before. It turns out that the bird was a white swan which was migrating southward when its wings failed it and let it fall into captivity. Its captors have caged it and will keep it as a curiosity. It is a beautiful bird.

LET DOGS TRAIN EACH OTHER.

A Novel Suggestion Advanced by an Experienced Hunter and Trainer.

A novel theory of bird dog training is advanced in Forest and Stream by an experienced hunter and trainer, George Kennedy. He says:

"We all know how few and far between the good dogs are, whether good, bad or indifferent trainers have had them in hand. Not one out of 100 is so well trained that he has sense of his own. It may be possible that we may be training our hunting dogs wrong. Those dogs that I trained perfectly had no sense of their own, and those that I half trained had more sense, were better bird finders, but each of them had some canine idiosyncrasy that brought him down below the level of the desirable dog."

The truth of the matter, he thinks, is that training deadens the dog's mind. It becomes automatic, and when a novel dilemma arises it has no reasoning faculties with which to meet the emergency.

"I am half inclined," Mr. Kennedy says, "to believe that the way to train a dog is to let him learn from his superiors —i. e., from the best dogs possible. This is a slower process, but it excludes any sort of human interference. So far as my experience and observation have gone, it takes at least two years for an old dog to train or teach a young one. He learns in this manner to point, back, retrieve and range, and no other dog can range like the self taught or dog taught ranger. He goes like the wind and hunts for birds every minute, with an eye single to find them. To have a man teach a dog is like having a phonograph teach a child. The best dogs for hunting purposes are those which are thinkers."

Up in the Adirondack mountains pups are taught to run deer by turning them loose with an old hound. An old hunter likes to show the youngsters how to handle a gun accurately and carefully. The old hound delights in an opportunity to show the young ones how to find and follow a cold, warm or hot trail. There are dog taught hounds in the Adirondacks that will follow a trail as well as any in the world. The dog trainers are thinking hard about Mr. Kennedy's suggestion.

FACIAL EXPRESSION.

The Sources Whence It Originated In Its Various Forms.

Edouard Cuyer set forth at a recent session of the transformistes of Paris, says a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the latest view of the evolutionist as to the origin of facial expression in man. His lecture, as summarized in a bulletin of the Societe d'Anthropologie, contains the following: Muscles about the mouth help to produce expressions of sadness, contempt and disgust, this last when the lower lip droops and curls. These expressions the lecturer traced to the involuntary effort to eject disagreeable things from the mouth. Our ancestors were children, so to speak, and the civilized babe of today, on finding a bitter object in the mouth, first draws down the corners of the lips, then turns the lower lip outward to help eject the disagreeable thing, and as a final resource thrusts out the tongue to expel the offending bitterness. We retain, to express extreme disgust and hatred, this thrusting out of the tongue.

Amusement or pleasure is expressed by a smile that widens the mouth and raises it at the corners. The cheeks are rigid at the same time, and there are raylike marks about the eyes. The smile of pleasure which begins thus with the opening of the mouth is traced to the joy of our savage ancestors at the prospect of being fed. It is a selfish joy, and M. Cuyer is cynical enough to believe that most of our smiles are the result of gratified selfishness. We welcome our friends with a smile that as much as anything else perhaps expresses our selfish pleasure in anticipation of diversion or at the secret thought of our own cleverness which is to entertain the visitor. Often our smiles are of self complaisance or condescension, and then there are the smiles of defiance, which are simply a survival of the ungenial way in which our savage ancestors grinned in order to show a formidable array of teeth to an enemy.

Colonel North.

Colonel North's stocks always turned out profitable. His horse always won the purse, and his dog never failed to win the cup. The big prize at the dog show in England is the Waterloo cup, worth 5,000 guineas. One day Colonel North saw a dog which he fancied, and he bought him for 850 guineas, about $1,838. At the next dog show it took a prize, and his friends urged him to compete for the Waterloo cup, which is given to the best dog in a race. Talking with John Dent, a celebrated dog trainer, North was told that his dog would probably win the Waterloo cup. "Make him win the cup, John," said North, "and you may have the prize." The trainer accepted the offer, but said, "I want to tell you, Colonel North, there's just one dog in all England I'm afraid of."

"Well," said North, "I'll buy him." He sent an agent, who bought the other dog for £850. When Colonel North arrived at Valparaiso, he received a dozen cablegrams congratulating him because one of his dogs had won the Waterloo cup and the other came in second.—Ex-Diplomat in Oshkosh Northwestern.

Logic In Rags.

"I fine you $15 for being a vagrant," said the judge. "Have you the money to pay the fine?"

"Your honor," said the man plaintively, "if I had $15 I wouldn't be fined as a vagrant."—Brooklyn Citizen.

RECOVERY OF A HIDDEN WILL.

A Polite Spook Who Imparts Some Valuable Information.

A writer in the Chicago Tribune quotes from an ancient volume of ghost lore published in 1729 the following story "of the late Rev. Dr. Scott, a man whose learning and piety were eminent and whose judgment was known to be so good as not to be easily imposed upon." The story is an old one, but there are marvelous stories very much older which are readily believed:

"The doctor, as I have the story related, was sitting alone by the fire, either in his study or his parlor, in Broad street, where he lived, reading a book, his door being shut and locked. He was well assured there was no one in the room but himself, when, accidentally raising his head a little, he was exceedingly surprised to see sitting in an elbow chair at the other side of the fireplace or chimney an ancient, grave gentleman in a black velvet gown, a long wig and looking with a pleasing countenance toward him (the doctor) as if just going to speak."

A conversation is given as having occurred between the doctor and his ghostly visitor, which need not be related, the object of the latter being to get the doctor to go down to his former estate and find a will which he left, hidden so securely that it could not be found, with the result that the rightful heir, his son, was in danger of being turned out of the house.

"In an upper room or loft," continues Mr. Moreton, describing what the "spook" told the doctor, "he would find a great deal of old lumber, old coffers, old chests, and such things as were out of fashion now, thrown by and piled upon one another to make room for more modish furniture, cabinets, chests of drawers and the like. That in such a particular corner was such a certain old chest, with an old broken lock upon it and a key in it, which could neither be turned in the lock nor pulled out of it." Here he gave him a particular description of the chest and of the outside, the lock and the cover, and also of the inside, and of a place in it which no man could come to or find out unless the whole chest was pulled in pieces.

Dr. Scott promised to go down to the country place and kept his promise. He was received courteously, and not only that, but was informed by the young host that he had dreamed the night before that a strange gentleman came to the house and found the missing will.

"I don't know but you may be the man," he said in conclusion. The doctor smiled and asked to be directed to a certain loft which was used for the storage of rubbish. Once here, he picked out a chest and asked if they had searched therein. They told him they had, but he asked to have it searched again. Nothing was found therein, when the doctor asked to have a hammer and chisel, which articles he used for the purpose of knocking out the bottom, when they found it had a double bottom, between the layers of which was found the parchment will.—London Light.

Kingsley, Taylor and Hughes.

"I remember," writes a correspondent, "staying some years ago at the Pen-y-gwryd hotel, at the head of Llanberis pass, which hostelry was then kept by a Mr. Henry Owen. An inspection of the visitors' book revealed that Charles Kingsley, Tom Taylor and Tom Hughes, when staying at the hotel on a certain occasion, had evidently experienced bad weather, for they amused themselves by writing bits of rhyme in the book on this and other matters, each 'literary gent' contributing a verse in turn. One of 'Tom Brown's' has always stuck in my mind, and I believe it was as follows:

"I came to Pen-y-gwryd
A-larking with my betters,
A mad wag and a mad poet—
Both of 'em men of letters—
Which two ungrateful parties,
After all the care I've took,
Made me to write verses
In Henry Owen's book."

—Westminster Gazette.

Olive Oil.

The bright and limpid appearance of the best olive oil is secured by repeatedly passing it through layers of carded cotton wool as a filter. The clarified oil of Italy is then, until bottled or sold in bulk, kept in cold storage, in masonry tanks lined with hard marble and covered. Those who use much oil and have a cold, dark place in which to keep it, find it economical to buy a good brand of oil in gallon packages. It can be drawn off into quart or pint bottles for convenient use and also so that the large quantity may not be exposed too frequently to the air.—New York Post.

The Children.

When one considers that so much of a child's first knowledge of the world he lives in must come through contact with objects around him, it seems a pity to retard it by teaching it that it is not right to lift and pinch and pound its surroundings. How does it known that china will break, paper tear and heat burn? One mother who believes she has the right method has surrounded her babies in their playroom by things that are not easily injured. The playthings are of rubber, the cats, dogs and dolls of calico, the picture books of linen and the dishes pewter. The nursery need not be devoid of beauty with this theory. Good pictures may be upon the walls and plants and birds out of harm's way at the window.—New York Post.

Fish Hatched by Hens.

The hens of China lead busy lives. When not engaged in hatching out a brood of their own kind, they are put to the additional and novel task of hatching fish eggs. Chinese cheap labor collects the spawn of fish from the water's edge, places it in an empty eggshell, which is then hermetically sealed with wax, and places it under the unsuspecting sitting hen.

After some days the eggshell is removed and carefully broken, and the spawn, which has been warmed into life, is emptied into a shallow pool well warmed by the sun. Here the minnows that soon develop are nursed until strong enough to be turned into a lake or stream.—Philadelphia Record.

A Different Meaning.

"Never speak to me again, sir! I will teach you to tell others that the mere sight of my face would make a man climb over a wall!"

"I—er—I meant, of course, if the man was on the other side of the wall!"

(Reconciliation naturally follows.)—London Tit-Bits.

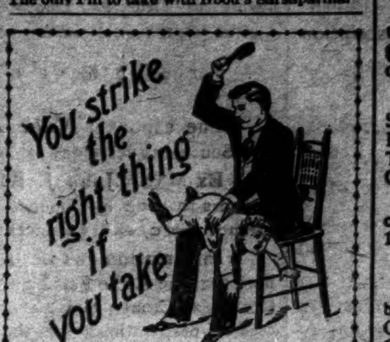
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December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, S. John's.
December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's.
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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	@	6
Standard	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12 @	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6 @	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6 @	6¼
DRY SALTED—		
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Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00 @	1 10
New New York, each	1 35 @	1 40
New City, each	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23 @	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15 @	
Northern	23 @	
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40 @	42½
Virginia Meal	40 @	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	@	1 20
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	9 @	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	11 @	12
State	@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	20 @	
Rio	10 @	16
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5¼
Yarns ℔ bunch	18 @	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	19 @	16
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00 @	3 01
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75 @	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
" Extra	3 35 @	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade	3 25 @	3 75
Choice	3 25 @	4 50
Straight	4 75 @	5 00
First Patent	4 45 @	5 50
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½ @	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		45
Corn, from store, bags—White,	42½ @	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40 @	42½
Oats, from store	30 @	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40 @	45
Cow Peas	45 @	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green	@	16
Dry	@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—		
Eastern	@	1 05
Western	@	90
North River	@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3 @	3½
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½ @	6½
North Carolina	6 @	10
LIME ℔ barrel	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00 @	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	18 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	@	22
" " " in bbls	@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	25 @	29
" " in bbls	@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12 @	14
" " in bbls	14 @	15
Syrup, in bbls	18 @	[illegible]
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis	@	2 15
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	8 75 @	9 00
Rump	@	8 5
Prime	@	8 25
ROPE ℔ ℔	10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum	@	75
Liverpool	@	55
Lisbon	@	
American	@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40 @	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00 @	6 50
Common	1 50 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd	@	[illegible]
Standard A	@	[illegible]
White Ex. C	@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4 @	[illegible]
C Yellow	@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½ @	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	@	9 00
Mill, Prime	@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50 @	4 50
Common Mill	4 00 @	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary	@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5 @	
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Quiet. Hard 1.40 Yellow Dip 1 90 and Virgin 1 90 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25½@24½c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $1 00; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	64
Rosin	493
Tar	235
Crude Turpentine	70

Receipts same day last year—88 casks spirits turpentine, 636 bbls rosin, 159 bbls tar, 25 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominally unchanged on a basis of 7c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅝	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	6	" "
Low Middling	6⅝	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good Middling	7 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—1,318 bales; same day last year, 550.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2.25; six inch, $2 50 to 3 50; seven inch, $5 50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 10—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾ for sixty days and 486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Government bonds quiet; United States coupon fours 110¼; United States twos 95¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 119. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 10—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling gulf —c; middling 7¾c.

Cotton futures closed steady at decline December 7 03, January 7 08, February 7 16, March 7 24 April 7 29, May 7 35 June 7 40, July 7 43, August 7 44. Sales 236 400 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 439 bales; gross 8 039 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 2,965 bales; forwarded 80 bales; sales 20 bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock 246 616 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 34 553 bales; exports to Great Britain 10 579 bales; to France 6,660 bales; to the Continent 3 565 bales; stock 1,215 894 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 215 467 bales; exports to Great Britain 108 299 bales; to France 36,809 bales; to the Continent 36,373 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 005,863 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,484,375 bales; exports to France 342 629 bales; exports to the Continent 830,810 bales.

Flour dull and irregular at prices; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy $3 40@4 85; do. patents $5 00@5 40; Minnesota clear $3 60@4 15; patents $4 50@5 10; low extra $2 20@3 30; Southern flour dull easy and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 05@3 60; good to choice $3 60@3 90. Wheat—spot moderately active and weaker; f. o. b. 95⅜c; ungraded red 80@97c; options declined ⅛@⅝c, advanced ⅜@1, declined ⅝@1½c and closed steady at ⅜@¾c under yesterday; No. 2 red December 85⅜c; January 85¾c; March 87½c; May 84¾c. Corn—spot dull and firmer; No 2 29¼@29½c at elevator and 30½c afloat; options were dull and weak at ⅛c decline; December 28⅞c; January —c; May 31⅛c. Oats—spot more active and easier; options moderately active and weaker; December 22⅛c; January 23⅛c; May 24⅞c; spot—No. 2, 22⅛@22⅜c; No. 2 white 25½c; mixed Western 22@24c. Lard quiet and firmer; Western steam $4 17½; city $3 75; December $4 10, nominal; refined quiet; Continent $4 45, South America $4 75 compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork firm and quiet; new mess $8 25@8 75 Butter was quiet and unsettled; State dairy 11@20c; do. creamery 15@23½c; Western creamery 15@24½c; Elgins 24½c. Eggs quiet and weak at prices; State and Pennsylvania 20@23c; ice house 16@19; Western fresh 20@21c do. per case $2 25@4 50; Southern 19@20c; limed 15½@16c. Cotton seed oil quiet and easy; crude 20½@21c; yellow prime 24c. Rice fairly active firm, and unchanged. Molasses firm and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 4c. Coffee barely steady and 15 to 25 points down; December $9 25; March $9 30@9 35; May $9 30@9 40; September $9 40; spot Rio dull and easy; No. 7 $10 00 Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 2⅞c; refined quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Cash quotations Flour was dull and prices unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 74⅞@76½c; No 2 red 87½@89¼. Corn—No. 2 22⅝@23⅜c. Oats No 2, 18¼@18½c. Mess pork $6 95@7 00. Lard $3 82½@3 85. Short rib sides $3 80@4 10. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $4 00@4 12½. Whiskey $1 18 for high-proof spirits

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest, closing: Wheat—December 75⅞, 76¼, 74⅞, 74⅞c; May 79½@79⅜, 79⅞, 78¼, 78⅝c; July 78⅞, 73⅞, 72½, 73¼@73⅜c. Corn—December 22⅞, 23, 22⅞, 22⅞c; January 23⅛@23¼, 23⅜, 23, 23c; May 26, 26½@26⅛, 25⅞, 25⅞@25⅞c. Oats—December 17⅞, 17⅞, 17½, 17½c; May 20⅞@21, 21@21⅛, 20¼, 20⅛@20⅞c. Pork—December $7 00, 7 00, 6 90, 6 95. January $7 67½, 7 72½, 7 67½; May $7 95, 8 02½, 7 92½, 8 00. Lard—December $3 77½, 3 77½, 3 77½, 3 77½; January $3 87½, 3 92½, 3 87½, 3 92½; May $4 10, 4 15, 4 10, 4 15. Short ribs—December $3 97½, 3 97½, 3 97½, 3 97½; January $3 87½, 3 92½, 3 87½, 3 92½; May $4 02½, 4 07½, 4 07½, 4 07½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat dull; spot 84½c bid; May 86¼@86⅞c; Southern by sample 90@91c; do on grade 85⅛@89⅞c. Corn steady; spot 28⅜@28⅞c; year 28⅜@28⅜c; January 28⅛@28½c; February 28⅞@28½c; March 28⅞c; Steamer mixed 18@26⅛c. Southern white corn 26@29c; do yellow 26@28⅛c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 22½@23c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

December 10.—Galveston, steady at 7¼, net receipts 6,566 bales; Norfolk, dull at 7¼, net receipts 6,013 bales; Baltimore, quiet at 7 7-16, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7 7-16, net receipts 1,120 bales, Wilmington, nominal at 7, net receipts 1,318 bales; Philadelphia, weak at 7⅝c, net receipts 163 bales; Savannah, steady at 6⅞, net receipts 5,792 bales; New Orleans, easy at 7 1 16, net receipts 8,325 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6 15 16, net receipts 2,785 bales; Memphis, firm at 6 15-16, net receipts 3,798 bales; Augusta, steady at 7, net receipts 1,577 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6⅞, net receipts 2,084 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, demand good and prices steadier. American middling 4 7 32d. Sales 12 000 bales, of which 11 500 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 21 100 bales, all of which were American. Futures opened steady and demand moderate. December 4 9 64@4 8 64d; December and January 4 5-64d; January and February 4 5-64d, February and March 4 5-64d; March and April 4 5-64d; April and May 4 5 64d; May and June 4 6 64d seller; June and July 4 6-64d; July and August 4 7 64d; August and September 4 5 64d. Futures quiet.

12 45 P. M.—American spot grades unchanged. American middling fair 4 17 32d; good middling 4 9-32d, middling 4 7-32d; low middling 4⅛d; good ordinary 4d; ordinary 3 13-16d.

4 P. M.—December 4 6-64d buyer; December and January 4 3 64@4 4 64d seller; January and February 4 3 64d buyer; February and March 4 3 64d buyer; March and April 4 3 64d buyer; April and May 4 3 64d seller; May and June 4 4-64d buyer; June and July 4 4 64@4 5-64d buyer; July and August 4 5 64d buyer; August and September 4 3 64d buyer. Futures closed quiet.

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(And not the knight)
Was dark, it appears,
And the knight was light.

Now they fought by day,
And they fought by night,
In the good old way
Of hitting at sight.

And whenever the dey
Was full of might
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THEY GOT THE LION.

Exciting Adventure of Two Colorado Miners In Their Camp.

"The mountain lion," remarked an old miner some time ago, "is becoming rare in the mountains of the west. When I first went seeking after the gold and silver of Colorado, these animals were rather plentiful. They were met in pairs and were common enough to make it hazardous for a man to walk in the valleys alone and unprotected, particularly after dark. I remember on one occasion having a slight adventure with a lion that almost scared me out of my wits. With a pal, I was working a claim in the mountains near Ouray. Winter came on, and one day, before the very cold weather set in, we went to the town to get supplies, leaving our little cabin on the mountain alone. It came on to snow soon after we got to Ouray, and we did not get a chance to go to the claim for fully a week. As we slowly climbed the hills I noticed the tracks of a mountain lion leading toward our cabin and when we reached the house found that we had forgotten to close a window in the side. We had lost sight of the tracks, and the sight of the open window caused me to forget all about the animal and its presence. I started for the window and was about to put my head into the apartment when there came a terrible growl, and the next instant a great yellow body darted through the opening, right over my back, its claws catching my buckskin and ripping it open to my waist, turning me completely over and into the snow. My pal whipped out his gun, and the infernal lion turned on him, making a fearful leap in his direction. Before he could shoot the beast was upon him and seizing him by the slack of his jacket shook him as if he had been a rat. I was on my feet by this time, and, drawing my revolver, I sneaked up and put a bullet right through his head. He dropped, and my pal drew his breath freely once more. Neither of us was hurt, but the lion's skin in another week was serving as a rug by my cot."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN TELESCOPE.

The Wonderful Powers of Vision of a Tribe of African Bushmen.

There is a race of men who can see as far with the naked eye as an ordinary man can with a telescope. "Every man his own telescope" might be applied with propriety to these fortunate persons. They live in a wild state in the south of Africa, among the tribes or bush men. The name "bushmen" is an Anglicism of the Dutch word "bjoseman," meaning "man of the woods."

These human telescopes have derived their extraordinary power of vision, according to Mr. Herbert Spencer, through necessity. If it were not for this, they must have long ago become extinct. They are remarkably small in stature for wild men, and they offer an easy prey for the large, fierce beasts that infest certain parts of southern Africa. And on account of their diminutive size they are not able to fight on equal terms with their warlike and larger proportioned neighbors. Travelers in the region of the long sighted bushmen have reported some truly remarkable feats with the eyes. One day while a European was walking in company with a friendly bushman the latter suddenly stopped, and, pointing ahead in some alarm, exclaimed:

"A lion!"

The white man stared until his eyes ached, but he could make out nothing. Thinking that the native must have made a mistake, he insisted on going forward, though his companion urged him to retreat. When they had advanced a little farther, the Bushman again came to a halt and absolutely refused to go on another step, for, as he explained, he could distinguish not only a lion, but also a number of cubs. It would be dangerous, he said, to tamper with a lioness while nursing her little ones.

The European, however, still unable to see a lion, much less the cubs, pushed on boldly. When he had advanced a quarter of a mile he saw an object moving slowly along in the distance at the point to which the bushman had directed his gaze. Still doubting that a human being could possess such marvelous power of vision, he approached nearer and finally distinguished the form of a lioness making leisurely for a line of forest.

The limit of a man's power of vision is established by necessity. If our existence depended on our ability to see twice as far as we do, this additional power would be acquired by practice. Deerslayer of "Leather Stocking" fame surprised every one by his long sightedness. Probably he could see farther than these bushmen, but he was a fiction character. All woodsmen, and, as a general rule, all persons living an outdoor life, give their eyes practice at long range, which ultimately makes their accuracy of sight seem wonderful to a man who never uses his eyes except to read.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Contrary Man.

"The most contrary man I ever knew," said Mr. Sizzlington, "was a man who was so contrary that he had to have his watch made to go backward. I never knew how he told the time by it or how far wrong he could get by it, but it was a satisfaction to know that twice a day it came right in spite of him."—New York Sun.

Those that are good manners at the court are as ridiculous in the country as the behavior of the country is most mockable at the court.—Shakespeare.

THE SALAD BOWL.

A Disquisition on the Green Things That Please Eye and Palate.

Salads supply what the system needs in the way of mild acids, and, when eaten in moderation and at seasonable times, are a gentle aid and stimulant to digestion.

Green salads not only please the palate and aid digestion, but delight the eye by their fresh appearance, which we all know is an inducement to eat, as there is a very intimate connection between sight and taste. Articles of food that look tempting and appetizing when brought to the table appeal to the palate, while nothing will take away all desire for food more quickly than carelessly prepared or ill looking dishes. And particularly is this true of the salad, which must never look mussy and pitched together in a hurry.

Women ought to be lettuce lovers, for this salad not only purifies the blood and tones the color, but steadies the nerves and successfully wooes sleep. It can be found in the market every day of the year and is always reasonable in price, which fact alone may account for its immense popularity. The best variety is known as Boston head lettuce. The heads are comparatively solid, the inner leaves being thick, light yellow in color and very tender and juicy. And now let me tell you how to always treat lettuce before preparing it for table: Pull the leaves apart, allowing each to remain whole; wash carefully; then let it lay in very cold water for 15 minutes, after which shake the water off each leaf, placing them in a white mosquito netting bag, and hang in the refrigerator, there to drain quite dry and to become still more crisp. Lettuce should never be dressed until just before eating it, as it soon wilts and takes on a mussy appearance.

The best plain lettuce salad has a French dressing, which is a combination of oil, very little vinegar and a generous amount of salt, and, if one likes, the very faintest suspicion of peppermint. An old Spanish proverb says, "To make a perfect salad there should be a spendthrift for oil, a miser for vinegar, a wise man for salt and a madcap to stir the ingredients and mix them well together."

A salad that is particularly appetizing and palatable is a sort of vegetable hodgepodge. Line the bowl with plenty of crisp water cress which has been treated in a drain and freeze in the refrigerator. Then fill with one cup of peas, one of beans, one of chopped carrots and one of chopped red beets, all of which have been previously boiled and cooled. Toss lightly until thoroughly mixed, cover with a thick layer of water cress and serve with a French dressing.—New York Journal.

THE DEGRADATION OF SPAIN.

Two Names That Stand Foremost In a Long Record of Shame.

The history of Spain had long been a record of shame. The despicable character of their rulers had almost quenched the innate nobility of the Spanish people, while the aristocracy had sunk into a proud lethargy. In the story of national degradation at its worst two names must stand together as partners in political crime—those of Godoy and Escoiquiz, who sought to mask their own base ambitions behind the acts of their feeble creatures, the king and Ferdinand. Throughout the whole vile complot moves also a female figure—that of the queen—whose counterpart must be sought in the annals of witches, furies and hetæræ. But there were still left uncontaminated 11,000,000 of the Spanish people. They were indolent by nature, had been fettered both by tradition and by wornout institutions and had long groaned in the bondage of corrupt administration. With the removal of the Bourbons all these servile paraphernalia were swept away.

The brothers Napoleon believed, and no doubt honestly, that pure and capable administration under a modern system would soon produce order, industry, prosperity and peace, and that a grateful nation would before long acclaim its preservers and enroll itself as a devoted ally against the perfidious and tyrannical government of England. It is useless to speculate how far this dream would have been realized but for the utter rottenness of the instruments with which the reformers worked. The king's senility, the queen's lust, Godoy's greed, Escoiquiz's self seeking, Ferdinand's unreliability, Murat's ambition, made a poor armory of qualities wherewith to accomplish a beneficent revolution. But the one vital blunder was, after all, not in the use of such tools. It was in the contempt for nationality shown first in making the treaty of Fontainebleau, then in its violation by the subsequent seizure of Portugal, and finally by the occupation of Spain by French troops. Declaring that more had been lost than gained by the events which occurred at Bayonne, Talleyrand says that on one occasion he idly observed to Napoleon that society would pardon much to a man of the world, but cheating at cards never. If this be true, it was a stinging rebuke and one which touched the heart of the whole matter.—"Life of Napoleon," by Professor W. M. Sloane, in Century.

England's Former Enemies.

The three greatest potentates of modern times have been England's strenuous antagonists—viz, Philip II, Louis XIV and Napoleon. Of these three Napoleon was the most powerful, Philip the most deadly. The leaders under whom the English rallied against these world famous monarchs were: First, Elizabeth and Drake; second, William and Marlborough; third, Pitt and Nelson. The result of the first of these great historic duels was to overturn the foundations of Spanish empire, with its dominion over the seas, its vast colonial possessions, its claim under a papal bull to an exclusive monopoly of the new world. The result of the second was to decide which should be the residuary legatee of the deceased Spanish power, France or England, giving in the end the succession to its old world dominions to France, its trade, maritime supremacy and colonies mainly to England.

The result of the third was to shatter Napoleon's hopes of ascendency by sea and to force him back on European conquests, upon projects which related to the old world and not to the new. Pitt and Nelson did not disappear till that end was attained, and England's part in the later wars of Napoleon was that, having, as Pitt said in almost his closing words, saved herself by her energy she saved Europe by her example and assistance.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Running the Cataract.

Descending the first cataract of the Nile is a perilous proceeding. The sides of the rapids are walled with solid but not smooth rock, and the water is thrown with frightful impetuosity from either side toward the middle. At every few yards there springs up diagonally a huge wave, and as these side waves meet they form a series of still larger ones, which go in deep and heavy ridges toward the bottom. In "The Nile Without a Dragoman" Mr. Frederic Eden describes his experience in running this cataract in a dahabeah, or houseboat:

"The chattering men were one and all impressed to silence. A moment more, and our boat was rapidly running along the central ridge of water. The men strained with their utmost force at the oars. A few seconds more, and the vessel began to bound under us in a way I hope never to feel repeated. Each wave, as it struck under the stern, drove her already too depressed head still deeper into the water.

"In the waves came, leaping into the bow, and up they went over the rowers, rendering their oars useless and threatening to drive the boat bodily under. Down we plunged, and when we should have made the turn to the right the largest wave of all hurled us forward so straight that we made full at the wall of rock in front. Before we could touch it another wave struck sideways on the stern of the boat, and, washing up over the deck of the cabin, turned us short round. For an instant we were within a foot of the rock; then the eddy drifted us round till we lay with our head up stream.

"A yell of delight broke from every one."

A Good Way to Judge.

"As many as eight burglars got into my house last night, and I thought I would come and tell you about it," said young Mr. Fitts.

"Did you get a good look at them?" asked the desk sergeant.

"Didn't see 'em at all."

"How the—how do you know how many there were?"

"Because they ate one of my wife's cooking school pies. No seven men are equal to that job."—Indianapolis Journal.

"BLEAK HOUSE" LOCALITIES.

The Younger Dickens Identifies Many Scenes of the Story.

Mr. Charles Dickens, the younger, in his introduction to "Bleak House," identifies some of the localities mentioned in the story. Tom-all-alone's has disappeared, but the present Took's court, Cursitor street, was Mr. Snagsby Cook's court; Chichester Rents, leading from the east side of New square, Lincoln's Inn, to Chancery lane, is the court in which Mr. Krook came to such a bad end, and Russell court, between Catherine street and Drury lane, is the thoroughfare whence "a reeking little tunnel of a court" gave access to the iron gate of the "hemmed in churchyard, pestiferous and obscene," the "beastly scrap of ground" in which the remains of Captain Hawdon received Christian burial.

Russell court has been cleaned up of late, and the horrible little churchyard has been converted into an asphalted playground for the children of the neighborhood, but the archway, and the tunnel, and the steps, Mr. Dickens says, are still there. Mr. Tulkinghorn's chambers were not far distant from 58 Lincoln's Inn Fields, where Mr. Forster lived, and Mr. Dickens has always thought that, although the surroundings of the two houses are altogether different, and although there was not the faintest likeness between their occupants, Chesney Wold was much more than an accidental resemblance to Rockingham castle, in Northamptonshire, the residence of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson, to whom "David Copperfield" was dedicated.

Although "Bleak House" when it appeared was one of the most popular of Dickens' books, it excited a good deal of spiteful criticism. Lord Denman, for instance, who had been chief justice of the queen's bench, was very angry indeed with the story and criticised it with considerable acerbity in a series of articles which he contributed to The Standard. The "causa teterrima" was Mrs. Jellyby, Lord Denman, an enthusiastic advocate of the abolition of slavery, overlooking the fact that the novelist was as good an abolitionist as himself, somehow persuaded himself that the satire which was directed against the absurdities and extravagances of which Borrioboola Gha was a fair enough type was "calculated to obstruct the great cause of human improvement." He failed to see that one might satirize the foolish hangers on of a movement and yet preserve a complete respect for and devotion to the cause itself.—Westminster Gazette.

AN ARTISTIC SHOPPER.

She Helps Her Brunette Friend to Get a Bargain.

Careless students of commercial transactions are rashly apt to infer that all the business talent lies on one side—that of the salesman—but the initiated know that a very deep game is often played by the purchaser. In a furniture store two young women were inspecting dressing tables.

"Oh, there it is!" exclaimed the brunette with enthusiasm, hastening toward a pretty little oak table standing near.

"Sh!" said the blond. "You haven't any sense at all. Have you any dressing tables in oak?" she asked of the approaching salesman.

"We have only this oak table left," he politely answered.

"It is awfully low," she commented, "and I don't like the color of the wood."

The brunette girl looked troubled.

"Open the drawer," dictated the blond. "Oh, that's a dreadfully small drawer; it won't hold anything. What's the price of this table?"

"Ten dollars," the salesman answered.

"Ten dollars! Dear me! Why, Isabel, we saw prettier ones than this for eight. It hasn't a very good polish either. Haven't you any others at all? This is so low—and that drawer is so small."

The brunette looked more troubled.

"This is the last one we have in oak," the man again said.

"Haven't you any with differently shaped legs?" she asked.

"This is the only one. As it is the last one I'll see if I can let you have it at $8."

The salesman walked off and the blond turned to the brunette and said: "Goosey, cheer up. Isn't it a beauty? Just look at those lovely legs—and only $8. You're a lucky girl."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wasted.

Meandering Mike assumed his most downcast expression, and, dropping his chin on his chest, approached the woman who was just closing the front gate. Shaking his shoulders as much after Henry Irving's manner as he knew how, he said:

"Scuse me, madam, but ain't you de lady I seen comin out er de matinee half an hour or so ago?"

"Yes."

"An you had real tears in yer eyes on account er de hardships er de hero, who hed been ter jail through force er circumstances, an who was jes' clean down on his luck?"

"I believe he made me cry."

"An you paid $1 fur a seat, didn't you?"

"It's none of your business, but I did."

"Well, madam, I've follered you all this way ter give you a chance at a good thing. Fur 50 cents you kin hear me lecture an study my expression all afternoon. I've been ter jail more times 'en thet matinee fake ever dreamed er, an I've had so many different kinds er trouble thet I am a reg'lar encyclopedia er sorrer. An what I wish pertickler ter dwell on is thet yer gettin de gennywine article, an none er de tinseled imitations thet is floodin de market."

But the door slammed. The woman disappeared, and he muttered:

"I must be losin my grip on human nature. Thet's the fust time I ever seen a woman turn down a bargain."—Washington Star.

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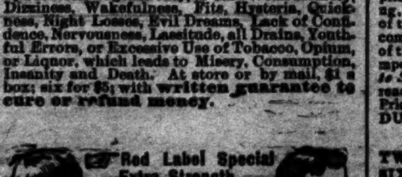
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DAILY 12 15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.00 a m, Sanford 1.55 p m, Jacksonville 7 00 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.15 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11 00a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3 40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 50 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 35 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.35 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8 30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 8.45 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9 10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 03 a m., returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.20 p m, leave Conway 3 20 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 10 a m and 8 35 p m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, 10 20 a m and 9 05 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 30 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2 25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4 45 p m, leave Cheraw 4 45 p m and 5 15 p m, arrive Darlington 7 p m and 6 25 p m. Leave Darlington 7 30 p m, 6 27 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.15 p m, 8.55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m Sumter 9 25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 7 20 p m. Darlington 9 10 p m, arrive Bennettsville 10 01 p m, Gibson 10 25 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.53 p m, arrive Lane's 7 37 p m, leave Lanes 8.34 a m, Manning 9.10 a m. arrive Sumter 9.39 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.53 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.33 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12 23 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 33 a m, Creston 5 2 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 22 p m, Sumter 6 30 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.10 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.10 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.



In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	GOING EAST. Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	GOING WEST. Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City....	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lve	7 10 a. m
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar ..Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv ....Sanford.....Lv	1 08 p. m
12 41 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 30 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro...Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
"		"
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 20 a. m
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton.....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville...Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv .....Climax......Lv	8 35
3 20 "	Lv ...Greensboro...Ar	9 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. [illegible] MIXED. daily ex[illegible]
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	10 17 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND,	No. [illegible] MIXED. daily ex[illegible]
Leave Madison	12 3[illegible]
Leave Stokesdale	1 28
Arrive Greensboro	2 40

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WEST AND SOUTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No 403
		P. M.	A. M
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 58	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 53
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
			P. M.
Arrive Lincolnton	"		12 55
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
		A. M	
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	† 9 35	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4[illegible]	
			P. M.
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		† 5 30
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
		P. M.	
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
			A. M.
" Monroe	"	9 05	*10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 28	12 05
			P. M.
" Clinton	"	11 58	1 20
		A. M.	
" Greenwood	"	1 00	2 23
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 15
" Atlanta	"	5 2	6 45
Leave Atlanta	*A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
		P. M.	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. * 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	A. M. † 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH

April 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
			P. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		* 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M	6 5[illegible]
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 3[illegible]
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 20
			A. M
" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 23
		P. M	
" Henderson	"	1 0	3 38
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 0[illegible]
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L	P M * 5 50	A M * 7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L	P M * 6 40	A. M. * 6 [illegible]
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 43
		A. M	P M
" Baltimore	"	12 48	12 0[illegible]
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	[illegible]
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 5[illegible]

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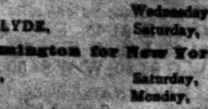
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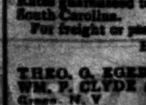
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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 11, 1896

A TARIFF BILL.

Republican Members of the Committee on Ways and Means Decide to Go to Work at Once—An Extra Session of Congress Will be Called.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The Committee on Ways and Means will go to work at once to prepare a tariff bill. This was the conclusion reached by the Republican members of the committee at a conference held to-day in the rooms of Representative Grosvenor, called by Chairman Dingley, at which all of the Republicans were present, except Major Steele, of Indiana, who was unavoidably detained. The conclusion reached was the unanimous expression of the members present. In the preparation of the bill the committee will give hearings to all persons who are interested, and they will be conducted by the full committee. The first meeting of the committee will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, at which time, if all the Democratic members are present, the details of the hearings, the time when they shall begin, etc., will be agreed upon.

This determination of the Republican members of course pre-supposes the calling of an extra session of Congress shortly after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, but after the adjournment of the conference they all disclaimed any direct knowledge upon the subject from the only source which could make the extra session a fact. Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, a member of the committee, said that no member had any positive information on the subject, but that they all knew that the chances were ten to one an extra session would be called.

BICYCLE RACES.

Eight Thousand People at Madison Square Garden—Teddy Hale Still in the Lead.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Fully eight thousand persons were present at Madison Square Garden to-night, and the enthusiasm and interest in the bicycle race was at a high pitch. "Teddy" Hale keeps his position in the advance and continues hourly to break records. He was the idol of the crowd.

With the exception of the change in second place about the same order has been maintained all day. At 10 o'clock to-night Hale had a forty mile lead on Forster. Only five miles divided Rice from the Dutchman, and the brave little Wilkesbarre lad looked as if he would regain his lost place. Reading was leading the second batch thirty miles behind Rice. Shock and Moore were practically tied at 1 235 miles, and Taylor and Smith brought up the rear of the batch.

The score at 11 o'clock (95 hours, previous record held by Shock, 1,318 6) was: Hale, 1,344; Forster, 1,303; Rice, 1,297; Reading, 1,271; Taylor, 1,246; Shock, 1,243; Moore, 1,235; Smith, 1,230; Pierce, 1,214; Maddox, 1,155; Ashinger, 1,153; Cassidy, 1,130; Gannon, 1,011; Glyck, 951; McLeod, 883.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 10.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c, with sales of twenty bales for spinning. Middling uplands 7⅝c, against 8⅛c last year.

The cotton market to-day was an extremely sensitive one. The fluctuations in prices were frequent, and at times violent. In fact, at one time it looked as though the bottom might drop out of the market. At the opening the tone was easier, owing to the disappointing Liverpool advices and sales to realize on yesterday's advance. The loss was recovered, however, and prices advanced. The bureau reported the general average condition of the crop at 115 2 per cent, and the total yield for 1895 at 7,161,094 bales. There was a misunderstanding about the estimated yield. The Department had adopted a new method of estimating the crop and instead of indicating a yield of 7,161,000 bales the report pointed to a yield of 8 249 580 bales. This result is secured by adding 15 2 per cent. to last year's yield of 7,161 094 bales. The early buyers tumbled over one another in their anxiety to sell, and prices broke sharply. Stop orders were reached on the way down, contributing to the weakness. There was a slight rally before the close on covering of shorts, the grusome news buying, but the last prices showed a material loss for the day.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat, Corn and Oats Closed Lower—Pork Products Were Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 10.—The prospective favorable Government crop report was an element of weakness in wheat. In the closing moments the lowest quotations of the day were recorded and final figures were but slightly above the inside. May wheat opened from 79⅛ to 79⅛c., sold between 79¾ and 78⅛c., closing at 78⅝c.—⅛ to ⅝c. under yesterday. Cash wheat was irregular, closing weak and ½c. lower.

Corn—May corn opened at 26c., sold between 26⅛@26⅛c. and 25⅝c.—closing at 25¾ to 25⅝c.—⅛ to ⅛c. under yesterday. Cash corn was steady.

Oats—Some heavy selling of "long" oats and raiding by short sellers. Prices were forced off about ⅛c under the pressure. May oats closed ⅝c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

The provision market displayed some life and activity to-day. The hog market was steady and that was about the predominating feeling in provisions. Packers bought a little later in the session, prices advancing on purchases. May pork closed 7½c higher. May lard and ribs each 2½@5c higher.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Rosin quiet and steady; strained common to good $1 82½. Spirits turpentine quiet at 27½@28c.

CHARLESTON, December 10.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B $1 40, C, D, E $1 45, F $1 47½, G $1 50, H $1 55, I $1 60, K $1 65, M $1 90, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, December 10.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales 1 500 casks; receipts 808 casks. Rosin firm; sales of 6 000 barrels; receipts 6 444 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 60, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 90, N $2 10, W G $2 30, W W $2 60.

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CUBAN WAR NEWS.

SPANISH AUTHORITIES AFFIRM THE DEATH OF MACEO.

The Cuban Junta Deny the Reports and Declare that Maceo is Alive and Well and Causing the Enemy Much Trouble—Gen. Weyler's Return to Havana Province from Pinar Del Rio.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 10.—Dr. Maximo Zertucha, who was formerly Gen. Antonio Maceo's physician, has surrendered to Col. Tort at San Felipe, and confirms the reports of the rebel leader's death, which occurred at 2 p. m. on December 7, in the engagement between the rebels under Maceo and the Spanish troops under Maj. Cirujada. Maceo received one bullet, which penetrated his head, breaking his jaw, and passed out at the union of the neck and the shoulder, and was also wounded by another shot, which struck him in the stomach.

Another attempt was made this morning to discover what disposition has been made of the rebel leader's body. A delegation of correspondents of the foreign press and reporters of the local newspapers have gone in the direction of Hoyo Colorado to make an investigation in that vicinity, where it is believed the body was buried. It was rumored in Havana last night that if the body should be found it would be brought to this city.

A great deal of speculation is being indulged in here as to the reason why Gen. Weyler encamped near Guanajay yesterday and left the field, taking a direction that is not known here. The steamer Magallanes has left here for Mariel and is at the Captain General's disposal.

Gen. Boshch has had a serious encounter with a party of rebels at Santa Rita del Cauta and Manzanillo, dispersing the enemy with a series of cavalry charges and artillery fire. It is believed that the loss of the rebels was very heavy. The Spanish had one man killed and six officers and forty three privates wounded.

Up to the time of sending this dispatch this evening nothing has been learned of the whereabouts of Maceo's body, and nothing further has transpired to confirm the reports of his death.

La Lucha, the Government organ, is the first paper here to speak editorially of President Cleveland's message. It publishes a long leader in which it examines all the points of the Cuban section of the message and makes severe criticism of the whole. The paper makes a vigorous protest against the aggressive parts of the message. It says among other things: "The message is no more or no less than a series of hypotheses. It cannot please Spain, but it does not wrong her." It adds that Spaniards cannot admit intervention in their own affairs. They have spirit enough to repulse impositions, and will accept nothing degrading or circumscribing their right to conduct their own affairs. When their honor is concerned they are of the same rank as the people of the most powerful and colossal nation.

La Union Constitutional says the lecture is unpleasant to Spain, but admits that Mr. Cleveland's language lacks haughtiness when compared with that which he has used towards other Powers. It adds that it expects that the message will result favorably to Spain. The tone of the article throughout is rather mild.

The *Diario de La Marina*, *La Pais* and *El Comercio* make no editorial comment on the message.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Senor Palma, of the Cuban Junta, was kept busy to-day answering questions put to him by numerous callers anxious to learn something definite concerning the reported death of the Cuban leader Maceo.

Senor Palma said to a reporter: "I regret that I can give you no news to-day. I will say, however, that I was more confident than ever that Maceo is alive and well. Though I have not received any word as yet from Cuba, I base my belief upon the dispatches in the morning paper to-day. One from Key West, by way of Jacksonville, is very encouraging. I believe, as it states, that Maceo is near the trocha and is causing the enemy much trouble. If the Spaniards had Maceo's body it would have been placed on view long ago, and the fact that this has not been done only strengthens my belief that the great patriot and soldier is alive and that we will hear to that effect within a very few days."

DALLAS, TEXAS, Dec. 10.—The head of the local Cuban committee to-day received dispatches from Key West, making absolute denial of the Spanish report from Havana of the alleged killing of Gen. Antonio Maceo. The dispatches state that at 9 o'clock last night Maceo was safe in Pinar del Rio province and his army was making successful operation against Captain General Weyler's forces; that by the turning of Weyler's left flank on December 1st, Maceo had captured more than twelve thousand stands of arms and immense quantities of ammunition, medicines and commissary supplies. The dispatches also stated that within the next three days the Cubans are likely to turn Weyler's other flank and win a decisive victory. Francisco Gomez has not been with Maceo in any of his recent movements and is safe in Matanzas province.

The head of the local committee said: "We know positively that the most sensational and glorious news for the patriots will come from Cuba on or about December 15. To-day Texas is doing more to help the patriots than any other State in the Union just now and is favorably located for effective aid. Dallas and Galveston will be in closer confidential relations with Key West than with any point in the East for some time to come."

The Dallas Cuban committee, through O. Paget, to-day issued a call for a public mass meeting to be held in the auditorium of the City Hall at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. Col. J. T. Trezevant, president of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition and a Confederate officer of prominence, has consented to preside. An effort will be made to have a large representation of ex Confederate and ex-Federal soldiers in the meeting. One object of the meeting is to give moral support to Senator Mills in pressing his Cuban resolution in Congress. Luiz Penez, the head of the Texas State Junta, located in Galveston, and other prominent Cuban leaders in Texas, have been invited to be present.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Cubans in New York do not believe that Maceo is dead. As soon as General Thomas Estrada Palma heard the report, he telegraphed to his private informant at Key West, and this afternoon he received a dispatch which came to Key West from Cuban sources at Havana, absolutely denying that Maceo was dead. The dispatch read as follows: "Maceo passed the trocha December 4. Report of his death absolutely false. Contradict it on my authority."

Gen. Palma said that the dispatch is from a source in which he has entire confidence.

Of Dr. Zertuche, who is said to have been Maceo's physician, and who confirmed the report of the Cuban General's death, nothing is known at the Junta.

HAVANA, Dec. 10.—Captain General Weyler, at the head of a column of troops, has arrived in the province of Havana, from the province of Pinar del Rio, where he went some time to operate against the rebel forces, commanded by Maceo.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—The Duke of Tetuan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to-day officially communicated to the diplomats here the news of the death of Antonio Maceo.

CUBA'S INDEPENDENCE

THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE.

Speeches by Senators Call of Florida and Cullom of Illinois—Bill to Restrict Immigration Considered—Bills Passed by the House Prohibiting Sale of Liquors in the Capitol Building and for the Protection of Dramatic Authors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The independence of Cuba and the recognition of the insurgents as a regularly organized government had two advocates in the Senate to-day in the persons of Senator Cullom of Illinois, Republican, and Senator Call of Florida, Democrat. Mr. Cullom delivered a carefully-prepared speech in support of his views, while Mr. Call contented himself with a brief discursive statement. Mr. Cullom prefaced his speech with the introduction of a joint resolution declaring that "the extinction of Spanish title and the termination of Spanish control in the islands at the gateway of the Gulf of Mexico are necessary to the welfare of those islands and of the people of the United States."

Mr. Cullom spoke for exactly an hour. He was followed by Mr. Call, who called up the joint resolution introduced by him yesterday recognizing the independence of Cuba. He sent to the clerk's desk and had read several official communications in regard to the case of Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen. He said that there was no better argument than this Cespedes case to show how impotent the Spanish authorities in Cuba were to defend the rights of American citizens. He could see no reason whatever for failing to make prompt recognition of an existing fact—the independence of Cuba—and to give to the Cubans the same rights as are given to Spain in the ports and jurisdiction of the United States. Spain would have in this no legitimate cause of offence. It would be really to her interest that this action should be taken, and that the war should be terminated without further destruction of life and property, and without further excitement of the people of the United States.

Mr. Call's joint resolution was at the close of his speech referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The bill to restrict immigration was taken up as the unfinished business, a motion by Mr. Gibson of Maryland, Democrat, to postpone its consideration till the first Monday in January having been defeated by a vote of 13 to 37. Various amendments to the text of the bill were offered or suggested; but no action was taken on any of them, although they were discussed a couple of hours, and at 3 55 p. m. the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under call of committees bills were passed prohibiting the sale of liquor in the Capitol building and protecting the rights of dramatic authors and musical composers in their productions.

The bill to define the rights of purchasers of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad under foreclosure of the mortgage authorized under Act of April 20, 1871, was laid over until Monday next, after having been amended so as to forbid the issue of capital stock by the new corporation except for full value at par on account of money paid in, or labor or material furnished, and until approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. J. C. Boatner, elected from the Fifth district of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the action of the House at its last session, declaring his seat vacant, appeared and took the oath of office.

At 4 10 o'clock the House adjourned until to-morrow for lack of a quorum.

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

Henry Smith, of Asheville, Pardoned by Governor Carr.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, December 10.—Gov. Carr pardoned Henry Smith, of Asheville, and this ends a very sensational case. Smith, while working on the railroad in Davidson county, passed the house of a man named Ellington, and one day all of Ellington's money—$1,200—was missing. Smith was arrested, tried and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. Last week the money which Smith was charged with stealing was found in the possession of Ellington's son, who, during a drunken spree had taken and hid it. He forgot the place where he had placed it, but discovered it by accident and gave the money to his father, who at once reported the fact to Governor Carr.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $121,632,185; currency $45,440,850.

The battleship Indiana from Thompkinsville arrived at Fort Monroe yesterday.

The sailing of the Minneapolis from Jaffa for Smyrna and the arrival of the Amphitrite at Hampton Roads are reported to the Navy Department.

Ex Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu yesterday. The fact of the Queen's arrival did not leak out until the afternoon.

Marie Barberi, who has been on trial in New York for several days charged with the murder of her lover, Domingino Cataldo, was acquitted. This was her second trial.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate a number of recess appointments. The most important was that of William St. John Forman, of Illinois, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Warren Cunningham, a negro who criminally assaulted a young white woman at Albany, Ga., was tried at a special term of court convened for the purpose, convicted and sentenced to be hanged December 30th.

Yesterday the Asheboro & Aberdeen Railway was completed. This gives the Southern Railway, which has a branch to Asheboro, entry into the long-leaf pine section of North Carolina. Regular trains will be put on in a few days.

The steel clad monitor Puritan, pronounced by experts the most formidable coast defence vessel afloat, was put in commission yesterday at the Brooklyn navy yard. Capt. John R. Bartlett is in command. The ship has a crew of 200 officers and men.

The Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, including leased lines, earned gross for September, $864 845, an increase of $36 163; and net, $86 289; decrease, $71,106; gross from January 1st to September 30 h, $8,291,891, increase, $1,484,753; net $1,609 814, increase $106,489.

Mrs. Lou Rentz, a handsome woman who shot and killed Perry Lyons last August, at Jacksonville, Fla., was acquitted of the charge of murder. Mrs. Rentz deserted her husband for Lyons, who also deserted a family. They had frequent quarrels and finally Lyons struck her and she seized his pistol and shot him.

THE WHOLE STORY of the wonderful cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla is soon told. It makes the blood rich, pure and nourishing. It cures scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism.

HOOD'S PILLS act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills. 25 cents. †

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT STILL IN SESSION.

The Jail Full of Prisoners—The State Supreme Court Finishing Up the Docket—Republicans to Publish a Daily Newspaper.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 10.

Mr. Kinyon, the editor of the new Republican daily, is in the city. He states that the paper will begin publication January 1st. Typesetting machines have already been ordered and are expected by that time.

Judge H. G. Ewart, of the Western Criminal Court, is in the city. Judge Ewart tells me that the public printing will undoubtedly be awarded a Raleigh firm. He says that he understands the printing has been done to a large extent in Virginia for the past two years, which was not anticipated by the General Assembly. The printing will very likely be given to the new paper.

Federal Court will continue throughout the two weeks allowed. The jail is full of prisoners, most of them being Federal ones. The Langdon Henezey-Waitte cases will not likely come up at this time.

The management of the Academy of Music last night closed a contract for "Evangeline," which will appear here the 16th. The show has fifty people and will go from here by special train to Savannah, Ga.

The Supreme Court completes the docket this week. Next week all cases that were continued will be argued.

Kenneth, the little son of Clerk of the Court D. A. Young, died this morning.

The members of the School Committees in various townships in the county, have been cited to appear before the new Board of Commissioners, having been charged with using their offices for political purposes.

THE COTTON CROP.

Report of the Agricultural Department as to Condition and Yield.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The December returns to the statistical division of the Department of Agriculture show a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as compared with the Department's last report. This applies especially to North Carolina, Florida and Georgia, where the conditions have been favorable to the maturity of the top crop. Many reports say the yield has exceeded expectations, owing to the large acreage of this year, and the late and dry Fall favoring the maturation of the late crop. Frosts are reported to have done some damage to the top crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The weather as a general thing has been excellent for gathering the crop. The following is the reported yield by States, as compared with last year: Alabama, 116; Arkansas, 119; Florida, 110; Georgia, 110; Indian Territory, 118; Louisiana, 126; Mississippi, 112; Missouri, 130; North Carolina, 109; Oklahoma, 130; South Carolina, 105; Tennessee, 118; Texas, 128; Virginia, 118. The general average is 115.2.

The Department's final estimate of the crop of 1895, based on complete and revised reports of the movement from each State, is as follows: Alabama, 663-916; Arkansas 580 860; Florida, 88,722; Georgia, 1 067,877; Indian Territory, 68 668; Kansas, 159; Louisiana, 513 849; Mississippi, 1,013,358; Missouri, 11 816; North Carolina, 397,752; Oklahoma, 14,103; South Carolina, 764 700; Tennessee, 173,560; Texas, 1,905,337; Utah, 103; Virginia, 7,964. Total crop, 7,161,094 bales.

A PAPER TRUST

To Control the Product of All Mills Manufacturing Paper Used by Newspapers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 10.—A conference of the principal manufacturers of white paper have been held in this city for more than a week past to consider the formation of a general stock company to handle the product of the mills and to act as the general agent for the allied concerns. These negotiations culminated to-day in the practical agreement of all concerned to pool interests and to deal with consumers only through a general agency, which is to be established in this city. The plan involves the formation of a national association, capitalized at a moderate amount, which is to control the product of all the mills. By this arrangement the manufacturers expect to reduce running expenses, to re-organize the trade and to promote friendly relations between all concerned.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

Decided in the Supreme Court at Raleigh.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 10.—An important and novel insurance case is decided in the Supreme Court, from Newbern, involving thirty thousand members of the National Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, and one hundred millions of insurance. The case involved the legality and validity of the reapportionment last year of assessment rates, under which assessments of members who entered prior to 1890 were materially increased. The Court decided the reapportionment to be reasonable, just and legal.

Marine Disasters.

The schooner *Lois V. Chaples*, which put into Southport Nov. 26th last for supplies, while on a voyage from Santa Cruz to Philadelphia with a cargo of mahogany and cedar, was picked up, abandoned, a few days ago and towed into Jacksonville, Fla.

The Newbern *Journal* says:

The sloop *Francis*, Captain Price, loaded with a cargo of wheat, bound for Wilmington, N. C., sprung a leak and sunk while off Deal Island in the Chesapeake Bay, on Monday night, November 30th. Captain Price went down with the boat, but C. E. Hoyt, of Pennsacola, Fla., and Mike Brady, of Richmond, Va., two of the crew, saved themselves from death by swimming ashore. Every effort to save the boat was made. The pump proved of no avail at all. Schooner *L. White*, Captain Miller, took the half-starved men off the island Friday. The two men are in Newbern now endeavoring to raise sufficient money to defray their travelling expenses to their respective homes.

The Clinton Postoffice.

Clinton *Democrat*: "Postmaster Matthis' term of office does not expire until September, 1897, but already the Republicans are making arrangements to fill his shoes. Among the candidates for the office are County Commissioner D. Price Dameron and Levi Bissell, colored, Secretary of the Republican county executive committee. Both began circulating petitions for signatures as soon as the result of the election was known. The office pays about $800 a year, which is none too much for the work required of the postmaster."

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only. †

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington post-office December 11, 1896:

LADIES' LIST.

B—Mrs. Farmer Baker, Mrs. Tonie Brown, Mrs. Silvia Beggets. C—Mrs. George Crafts, Mrs. Martha Cansborn, Mrs. Mary L Carr. D—Mrs. Dinia Dabney, Mrs. J. H. Dorsett. E—Miss Stella Edwards. H—Mrs. Cora S. Harper. J—Miss Allen Jones, Miss Fannie E Jones. K—Miss Laura King. L—Miss Laura Leura, Mrs. Mary Loftin. M—Mrs Jennie Mier, Miss Meriah Moore, Mrs. Nancy McLeod, Miss Maggie Moss, Miss M. L. Miller, Miss Rosa Martha, Miss Sarah Moore, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Miss Winnie Martin. R—Mrs. C. J. Reaves, Miss Dizzie Robeson, Miss Minnie Robeson. W—Miss Annie Dyer Wheeler, Mrs. Elcy Wilmer, Mrs. Eliza Williams, Miss Maggie Williams, Mrs. Hager Walters, Mrs. Sallie Willibee.

MEN'S LIST.

A—Rev. S Atkinson. B—John Bunton, N. F. Butler, W. H. Brown. C—J. C. Campbell, William Cuarrie. D—Albert Davis, N. H. Doxey. E—Turner Ermes. F—Walter Foy. H—A J. Hankins, Hast Hasie, Robinson Hill, R. L. Holt. J—Hardy Jones, Geo F. Jenkins. L—Fred Loveland, J. H. Loftin, Robert Love. M—A. J. Morris, T. C. Meares. N—Ben Nuiall. R—James Robinson. S—A. L Swindell, Robert Scott. T—Hamp Tonsell, J. W. Tate, O. H. Teary. W—Fred Warden, James Watts, F. E. Whitelaw, Walter Williams.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

H—D F Hennesy. M—Lucy McMillan, Susie Merrick. N—Arthur Neal.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—319 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 50 bbls rosin, 29 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—672 bales cotton, 59 bbls rosin.

Carolina Central R. R.—61 bales cotton, 7 bbls tar, 35 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—153 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 93 bbls rosin.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—25 casks spirits turpentine, 185 bbls rosin, 174 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—13 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 105 bbls rosin, 25 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

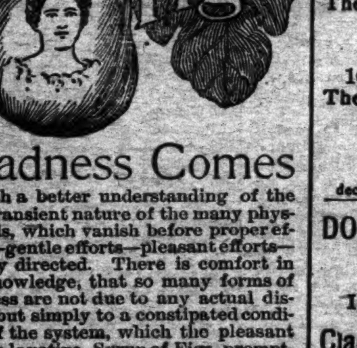
Total receipts—Cotton, 1,218 bales; spirits turpentine, 64 casks; rosin, 493 bbls; tar, 235 bbls; crude turpentine, 79 bbls.

Map of Cuba.

The Baltimore *Sun* has received from Messrs. Cushing & Co., booksellers and stationers, Baltimore, a map of the island of Cuba, published by J. L. Smith & Co., of Philadelphia. In view of the revolution in Cuba and Spain's strenuous efforts to put down her rebellious subjects, the map is of exceptional interest at this time to all who are interested in the progress of events. Cuba has an area of 43,819 square miles, with a coast line of about 1,200 miles. Its population is 1 500,000, and Havana, on the north coast, is its most important city and by far the finest port of the West Indies. The population of Havana is 230 000, and the other cities of importance are Matanzas, population 87,000; Santiago de Cuba, 72 000; Puerto Principe, 47 000; Cienfuegos, 66 000; San Espiritu, 33,000; Cardenas, 24 000.

Coast Defences.

Mr. C. Prevost Grim, contractor, and Mr. John M. Fisher, Jr., assistant, the Southport *Leader* says, arrived at that place last Tuesday. Mr. Grim is the son of Jno. L. Grim, of Philadelphia, who was awarded the contract for the gun emplacements at Caswell. A visit was made to the location and Mr. Grim returned to Wilmington in the afternoon. The work, so stated to the *Leader*, is to begin as soon as material arrives. A deck will first be built on the point. The battery will be in the vicinity of the Life Saving Station, east of it. Fifteen carpenters and twenty-five laborers will be wanted at once and they will be secured here, as far as possible.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Hay—Timothy Hay, mixed Clover hay, Prairie Hay, Straw, Grain and all kinds of mixed feed for horses and cattle. Jno. S. McEachern, 211 Market St. Telephone 92. oct 17 tf

I offer to Discount any Price Lists for Groceries sent out by any other merchant by giving 5 cents worth more on their dollar off. If you don't believe it call on C. D. Jacobs, 219½ North Front street. oct 6 tf

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A Full Line Smyrna Rugs Very Cheap.

A large lot Blankets, Towels and Marseilles Spreads at all prices.

The balance of our Carpet stock very cheap. These goods must be sold in the next thirty days. Call and see them at my new stand.

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Shoes For The Boys.



Boys are apt to be hard on Shoes, but we have the Shoes adapted to rough usage. One pair of our youth's Kangaroo Calf Lace Shoes at $1.25, or a pair of our "Little Dude" Shoes at $1 25 will convince you that for economy we have the Shoe. Be sure and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

nov 22 tf

Orders for Apples,

Raisins, Mixed Nuts,

COCOANUTS,

Christmas Goods,

Butter, Cheese, &c., &c., solicited.

Prompt attention to mail orders. Samples and prices on request.

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dec 8 D&W tf

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Sugar Cured a No. 1 Ham

12½c, 12½c, 12½c pound.

Then a White Peeled Peach in heavy syrup.

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Yours,

S. W. SANDERS,

At the "Unlucky Corner."

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Subscribe now. A large number of shares have already been taken.

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200	Boxes New Firecrackers.
200	Bags C. C. Nuts.
100	Boxes Mixed Nuts.
150	Barrels Apples.
100	Boxes L. L. Raisins.
200	Pails Mixed Candy.
300	Bags Peanuts.
25	Cases Jersey Milk.

W. B. COOPER.

nov 29 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE.

Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, in the cause therein pending wherein Thomas L. Gore is plaintiff and E. W. Hewlett and wife Fannie F. Hewlett are defendants, made at the September term, 1896 the undersigned Commissioner therein appointed will expose for sale, at the Court House door, on Friday, the 8th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, all that lot of land in the City of Wilmington, N. C., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northern line of Dock street 110 feet west of the northwestern intersection of Eighth and Dock streets, and running thence westwardly along the said no thern line of Dock street 44 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Eighth street 132 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Dock street 44 feet, and thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 132 feet to Dock street, the beginning; the same being part of lots 4 and 5 in Block 155, in the City of Wilmington, and the same conveyed by mortgage to the plaintiff by the defendants which is recorded at pages 544 et seq. of Book No. 12 of the Records in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, N. C. This the 5th day of December, 1896.

JOHN G. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

dec 6 30t

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Samples sent on application. nov 8 tf

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Ladies' Crepe Wool Skirts, nicely made, seven gores, well lined and faced, at $1.00. Fine Black Brilliantine, all wool, well finished, at $3 00. Beautiful Crepon, black all wool Skirts at $3 00; better and finer at $4.00 and 5 00 each. These Skirts are as cheap as you can buy the cloth.

A big line of new Capes, in fine Plush Capes worth $5 00, now 4 00; better trimmed, worth $7.50, now 6 00. Beautiful Beaver Capes at $2.50 up to 5 00.

Ladies' Cloaks in black, nicely made with large buttons, at $1 98 each; better at 2 25 and 3 00. All new styles.

We have preparations for Santa Claus, and can show you a very nice line of Dolls, Stoves Guns, Tea Sets and Air Rifles, Boys' Pocket Knives, Balls, Iron and Tin Trains from 5c to $1.50 each, Dolls from 5c to $1.50, beautiful with kid body, hair, shoes and stockings, 14 inches long, at 25c each. The warranted Unbreakable Dolls, 15 inches long, with hair and gown, at 50c, and larger up to 75c, $1 00 and 1.50.

We are selling lots of Clothing of all kinds. A beautiful heavy weight black Clay Worsed, satin lined, all nice new goods, strictly all wool, at 8 25, worth 10 00 and 12 00. A big drive in heavy all wool well made Suits at $6 50, worth 10 00. A Black Cheviot Suit, well made, at $5.00. Grey and Blue Cheviot at $3 75. We are selling boys' nice all wool Suits, square cut, double-breasted, at $2 00 a Suit.

You may need some Underwear. We have Ladies' Knit Ribbed Under Vests at 17½c each; heavier, all cotton, plain lined, at 25c. Men's heavy 1 pound weight Cotton Under Shirts at 25c. Men's Jager fleeced lined Under Shirts and Pants at 50c each. Wool fleeced soft and fine, same goods, at 75c each. Men's double-breasted back and front at $1.00. All wool both red and colored.

Blankets are a thing you need these cold nights. 10-4 Grey fleeced double Blankets at $1.00; heavier at 1 25, better, three-fourths wool, weight 5 pounds, at 2.25 a pair. Beautiful white all wool Blankets, weight 5 pounds, at $3 50.

We are at 112 North Front street, opposite the Orton Hotel.

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dec 6 tf

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All kind of Games, Trains, Sideboards, Bureaus, Blackboards, Horns, Tin Toys and everything else in the Toy line.

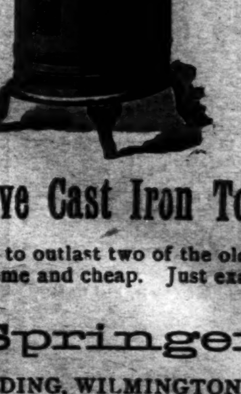
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Big stock of Tree Ornaments.
Some new things in Dress Goods.
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A great many articles suitable for Christmas Gifts.

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Full two quart (plain or flannel covered)

One Dollar Each.

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